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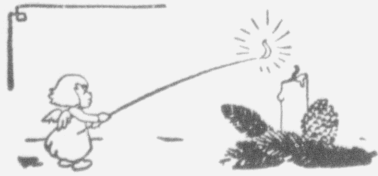
DECATUR, TEXAS, Thursday, December 16, 1954

Oldest Business Institution In Wise County



● We miss the Christmas carols which were played over a public address system last year, and broadcast over the square. The music added much to the Christmas atmosphere.

● Some freeze and frost Monday morning, coldest weather so far, 22 degrees.



● Many of our readers have sent The Messenger to friends or relatives during the week. Our suggestion that The Messenger would make a nice Christmas gift met with approval by some 25 or more people of the county. We feel sure the recipient will enjoy the weekly news of Decatur—a gift that will last all year.



● We have spent a few enjoyable hours this week, more enjoyable than usual, in trying to see deserving people of the community have a Merry Christmas.

● Tuesday morning a trip was made a few miles from town where a Grandfather and Grandmother, who care for three small grandchildren, live. The plank 2 room house in which the five live contains two beds and a wood cook stove and a wood heating stove. The interior of the house is entirely covered with cardboard from boxes and containers, to cover the cracks and holes in rotted lumber and to help keep out the cold north winds.

● The grandmother had walked the several miles to town Tuesday morning, as she does often, and after talking with her, we decided to see for ourselves. We did. We will not go into further explanation concerning the home, but an estimate was made by a local lumberman, as to the cost of covering the outside of the house with roll roofing, and adding a few new pieces of lumber here and there, to keep the temperature on the inside somewhere within reason and living comfort.

● The cost of the material for a complete job is \$30.00. This amount will be taken care of by the Xmas Cheer Committee.

● The grandparents said they would put the covering on and do all the work necessary, if the materials could be furnished.

● But the work of handling the heavy roofing rolls, and tearing out and adding new planks is too much for two elderly people.

● Are there a few carpenters or workmen in Decatur who would care to do a day's work in placing this material on the building, with the aid of a few volunteer workers? If so, call 4031 now. The sooner the wind is shut out, the better for those inside. It would be something long to be remembered by this deserving family, especially when the north winds of winter begin to howl. We feel the act of doing something for others gives an inward feeling of satisfaction in keeping with the spirit of the holiday season.



● The gas company crew was digging up the pavement on the west side of the square yesterday morning, trying to locate a gas well underneath, a break in the main line.

● The high school and elementary football boys are strutting around this week in new D jackets, which are really nice. The See EIGHTER on page 5, col. 4.

TIME TO RENEW SUBSCRIPTIONS

Thanks for your response to our appeal for renewals.

Our story last week resulted in many renewing subscriptions to The Messenger, while in town Christmas shopping.

Those who have subscriptions which expire now or between now and January 1, we would appreciate very much receiving your renewal so that we may rework our mailer as far as possible during the after Christmas lull.

To those who sent in their renewals promptly our thanks, and we would appreciate it very much if others would do likewise.

WINTER CAME WITH READING OF 22 DEGREES

Winter finally came Sunday. With a stiff cold wind from the north Saturday night, the mercury tumbled fast, the wind continuing Sunday kept the temperature near freezing all day, warming slightly late Sunday afternoon.

The cold brought us a nice rain, but no snow, except a few flakes and a little sleet, which lasted only a few minutes. Rainfall measured about an inch, and was indeed welcome.

The puddles of water remaining Monday morning had a thick coating of ice, and autos standing out had a heavy covering of frost.

The mercury dipped to 22 degrees for the coldest of the year.

Snow was reported northwest, Henrietta, Bowie and Alvord receiving from a light amount to 2 inches. Cars and trucks coming through Decatur carried a covering of snow most of the day Sunday.

No snow here, but we could use it, or another rain such as we had Saturday and Sunday.

Free Throws After Final Whistle Win For Slidell 46-45

NOCONA, Tex., Dec. 14—The Slidell Greyhounds, who almost snapped Bowie's long winning streak Monday night, eked out a 46 to 45 victory over the Nocona Indians here Tuesday night in a game that was decided after the final whistle.

A personal foul was charged against Nocona as the final buzzer sounded, and Slidell's ace shotmaker, Bud Ellis, stepped to the free throw line and dropped in two free throws to decide the issue. The outcome squared both team's records at 4-4.

Nocona led 12-11 after one quarter, then Slidell gained a two-point edge, 26-24, at the halfway mark. Nocona regained the lead, 35-34, as the third round ended.

Calvin Graham and Eddie Cooptr sparked the Indians with 15 and 13 points, while Ellis paced Slidell with 16. Fort-berry had 12 or the winners.

Nocona 12 24 35 45
Slidell 11 26 34 46

Arlington State Is 70-66 Victor Over Decatur College

ARLINGTON, Texas—Jimmy Board's 22-point barrage paced Arlington State to a narrow 70-66 victory over Decatur Baptist College in a non-conference basketball game Tuesday night.

Quan Elliot kept the visitors close all the way as he hit 21 points. The victory pulled the Rebels' season record to 3-4. They meet the TCU Freshmen at Fort Worth Thursday night.

DECATUR BOYS ARE IN ATTENDANCE AT DISTRICT BANQUET

The district football banquet was held at Jacksboro last Saturday night with the district champions, the Jacksboro Tigers, the host team. All boys of district 11-AA who made the first or second all-district teams were present. Attending from Decatur were Supt. E. L. Gantt, Principal H. V. Vick, Coaches Cy Young and Jim Cook, and players Don Ray Stone, Teddy Lewis, Jackie Boyd, and Carlton Mann. Dutch Meyer, Athletic Director at TCU was the principal speaker. Jacksboro Quarterback Club also attended.

XMAS PROGRAM RENDERED BY LOCAL SCHOOLS

A Christmas program was presented last night at the Elementary School Auditorium by the choir, band, and speech students of the schools.

Numbers on the program included the following:

Band, directed by Carl Gilkerson—Christmas Carols.

Elementary School Choir directed by Mrs. O. L. James—Christmas Carols.

Junior High Choir, directed by Mrs. O. L. James—Choral Numbers.

Speech Play "Song of Glory" directed by Mrs. Jim Cook.

Band directed by Carl Gilkerson—Christmas Carols.

High School Girls Chorus directed by Mrs. O. L. James—Choral Numbers.

Christmas Pageant "There Were Shepherds Abiding in the Fields", Charles Vincent, composed by High School Chorus and Speech Department.

Combined Choirs of Jr. High and High School—Choral Numbers, "Joy to the World" and "The Lord's Prayer," with Mrs. Cody Caraway, guest soloist.

Miss Cates To Have Recital Tomorrow

Miss Ada Cates will present a musical recital Friday night, December 17th in the high school auditorium.

The public is invited to attend.

Soil and Water Conservation Practices Are Deductible from Internal Revenue

Cash outlays for soil and water conservation can be charged as farm expense—rather than farm capital—under recent changes in the Internal Revenue Code, making them income tax deductible.

A host of land and water improvements are included in the change, says Paul Tapp, County Agent, who urges farmers to check further into the new ruling. Costs of soil and water improvements are not deductible in excess of 25 percent of the gross farm income during the taxable year.

The remaining cost may be taken from the income in succeeding years at the rate of no more than 25 percent of gross earnings for each year. Amounts carried forward may go without limit until used up, Tapp explains.

The phrase in the code "on land used in farming" the ruling covers only land used by a taxpayer or his tenant, either before or at the time of the improvement for the production

Messenger Xmas Edition Will Be Out Next Week

Next week will be our annual Christmas edition, with greetings from business firms composing half or more of the regular edition of the Messenger.

We have tried to contact every business in Decatur, but many times the ones we wished to see were busy or out for coffee. If we missed you and you wish a greeting ad, please phone us. It is our intention to have an ad from everyone wanting one, but this busy season finds us late with our work as usual.

We take our vacation the week between Christmas and New Year, 1955, so don't expect much that week.

BUYS HEREFOR

Bill Milligan of Boyd paid \$225 for the Hereford bull AHR Publican Domino 133d, consigned to the Montague County sale Tuesday by Lee Atkinson of Throckmorton.

Gas Plant to Be Two Miles South Of Bridgeport

Busy Bridgeport is expected to boom more than ever early next year when work starts here on a \$2½ million gas recycling plant.

The Warren Petroleum Co. has announced that the plant will be located on the West Fork of the Trinity River two miles south of Bridgeport on Hwy. 920 (to Boonsville).

The new plant is part of a project that will gather gas from wells in this Wise County area and pipe it to the northern part of the U. S. through big-inch pipeline.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Grief from Estes Park, Colo., are visiting H. H. Heathington.

READ THE ADS!

Boy Scout Fund Drive to Begin in Decatur Tomorrow

The fund drive in Decatur for the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts will open tomorrow morning (Friday) with a breakfast at the Lions Club at 7 for workers and all interested who are cordially invited to be present.

This annual drive is Decatur's contribution to the cost of Scouting in Decatur, in affiliation with the Longhorn Council of Scouts, which furnishes assistance, etc., such as is needed.

The Lions Club sponsors the local scout troop.

Earl Nunneley is chairman of the local drive this year.

Plans Made For 4-H Clubs' Annual Christmas Party

Final plans have been made for the County-Wide 4-H Christmas Party. The party is sponsored by the County 4-H Club Council.

The party is Saturday morning, December 18, from 10-10 till 12:00 at the Decatur High School Auditorium.

Fun—Share the Fun Festival. Each 4-H Club may enter an act, skit, musical number, or educational demonstration in this Share the Fun Contest.

An old fashioned Wiener Roast at 12:00 Noon will be furnished by the Decatur Lodge No. 33 Knights of Pythias.

Help Needy Children—It is better to give than to receive. Bring a present for an orphan child. Your gift will be sent to the Weatherford Orphan Home.

Bring your parents and friends to share in this Yuletide celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

—Paul Tapp
County Agent.
—Jessie Earl Condon
County H D Agent

Services Held In Pittsburg For Martin Brummell

Funeral services for Martin Brummell, 70, father of Eugene Brummell of Decatur, were held in Pittsburg, Texas, Friday afternoon. A group of Decatur people attended the services.

Mr. Brummell was found dead Wednesday afternoon last, in the barn at his home 2½ miles from Pittsburg. It is thought he was killed while resisting a robber or robbers.

Brummell is believed to have been killed around 11 a.m. Wednesday after he drove into his barn to unhitch a team of mules. The body was discovered about six hours later by a neighbor.

Robbery obviously was the motive as Brummell's pockets had been ripped open and his purse with an estimated \$250, was missing.

Brummell was known to have carried large sums of money on his person. He was deaf.

The deceased had visited his son and family in Decatur and will be remembered here.

The Messenger joins the many friends of Gene Brummell in offering heartfelt condolence to the family.

Decaturites Attend Brummell Funeral

Those from Decatur attending the funeral services of Martin Brummell, father of Gene Brummell, at Pittsburg, Friday were:

Rev. and Mrs. M. C. Smith and Rick, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Stone, Mr. and Mrs. J. Z. Spain, Mr. and Mrs. Lory L. White, Mr. and Mrs. George Prescott, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fortman, W. T. Hill, C. A. Nichols, Coke Gage, Dwight Dodson, Claude Cummings, Rook Ramsey, and M. L. Cude.

No Prizes to Be Given For Best Decorated Homes

The Chamber of Commerce committee announces there will be no prizes this year for the best lighted home. Last year no prize was given, and the project is again dropped this year.

To date, not too many homes have their Xmas decorations installed.

Plans Now Being Laid Out For Third Annual Wise County Youth Fair

CALL ISSUED FOR TOYS FOR NEEDY IN DECATUR AREA

This year there are quite a few children on the list to be remembered by the Christmas Cheer committee, more than last year or the previous year.

Since there is no supply of toys for the kids, it is thought Decaturites might have old discarded or outgrown toys which would do for someone else, and which you might contribute to the program.

The toys must be useable. —There is no way this late of having them repaired or painted.

If you have any kind of toys, dolls, or anything for a child under 12 years of age, which you would contribute, please call 4031 or 3701. If you can, bring them to the Messenger office, or if you cannot, arrangements will be made to pick up what you have to give.

Please do this at once, as it is necessary to start assembling the baskets, toys, etc., the first of the week in order that everything will be ready to deliver by Friday.

Christmas Cheer Group Will Make Orders This Week

The Christmas Cheer committee gets down to business this week end, with ordering of groceries and fruits for the Xmas baskets.

Also last minute buying of clothing for some who have been missed will be completed. This week the clothing needs of several children in one family have been cared for by various local ladies who completely outfitted three little school children.

The baskets this year will contain fruits and candy and a large supply of staple items such as flour, beans, potatoes, etc. The baskets will be assembled next Friday morning and delivered Friday afternoon, Christmas eve.

Toys and gifts for the children will be added according to age and number.

Those who haven't contributed to the fund for the Christmas Cheer baskets and wish to do so, please mail checks payable to the Xmas Cheer Fund to this newspaper, or bring them by.

This past week two contributions of cash were received in the mail, but contained no names, merely a note they were for the Xmas Cheer Fund.

From present indications the most expensive this year will be in furnishing clothing, including shoes, to some 16 children. Several hundred dollars will be needed to pay the bill which will include the cost of the baskets too.

Your contributions will be appreciated and will be used 100 percent for the needy of the community.

Saturday morning will be the time for the buying of clothing for the children, and from indications now there will be many who need much orders for groceries also will be made that day.

CHEER FUND CONTRIBUTORS

Mrs. C. L. McNair 2.50
A Friend 10.00
A Friend 5.00
Glenn Cocanougher 15.00

Mrs. J. J. Renshaw and Mrs. H. S. Usry were in Denton Tuesday.

Mrs. H. Nowlin from Archer City, visited friends and relatives here this week.

The plans are going forward to make the third annual Wise County Youth Fair, which is to be held March 25, 1955 on the Decatur Baptist College campus, bigger and better than in the past two years.

The Decatur Woman's Club is again assuming the responsibility of sponsoring the "Queen Contest." Mrs. H. L. Shults being the Chairman in charge.

Others that have been selected to assist in the Youth Fair are: O. Ray Brown, General Superintendent; Assistants: F. C. Gibbs and Henry Kirk with Mrs. Laura Morrow in charge of FHA girls and Miss Jessie Earl Condon in charge of 4-H Club girls.

Dairy Superintendents: Roy Rector and Morris Smith.

Beef Cattle Superintendents: Hal Dick and Jack Lewis.

Sheep Superintendents: C. F. Woods and Zeb Tindal.

Poultry Superintendents: L. M. Fuqua and Paul Tapp.

Swine Superintendents: G. G. Scroggins and Grady Keith.

Superintendents FHA Girls' Sewing: Mrs. Peggy McCurdy, Mrs. Rebecca Malone, and Mrs. Ros Mary Webb.

Foods Superintendents: Miss Dorothy Firkins, Mrs. Sally Patterson, and Miss Sarah Riggs.

Crafts Superintendents: Mrs. John Winder, Miss Jeanette Phillips, and Miss Helen B. Buckner.

Superintendents of the different divisions of 4-H Club Girls will be announced later.

There will be judging contests of dairy cattle, livestock and poultry; also a dress review.

NEW PAY AREA AT BOONSVILLE IS OIL HIGHLIGHT

Christie, Mitchell & Mitchell, Houston partnership, has established two new pay zones in the Boonsville Atoka conglomerate area. West of the township about two miles, the No. 1 C. E. Workman, J. J. Gholson survey, flowed 124 barrels per day through quarter-inch choke from 4,326-29 in the Caddo with tubing pressure 125 pounds.

Northeast of Boonsville three miles, the No. 4 D. J. Hughes, Z. C. Traxler survey, pumped 25.28 barrels of oil per day plus 80 per cent water from the Strawn at 3,191-200 feet.

Free Show For Kids Next Week

School will be out in time for the kids to enjoy the two days of free shows sponsored by local businessmen at the Plaza Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 22-23.

The shows are free with tickets which may be secured from any sponsoring business firm.

The show will change each day, two complete shows, all free to those who shop in Decatur.

Read the plaza ad for full particulars and where you may secure free tickets.

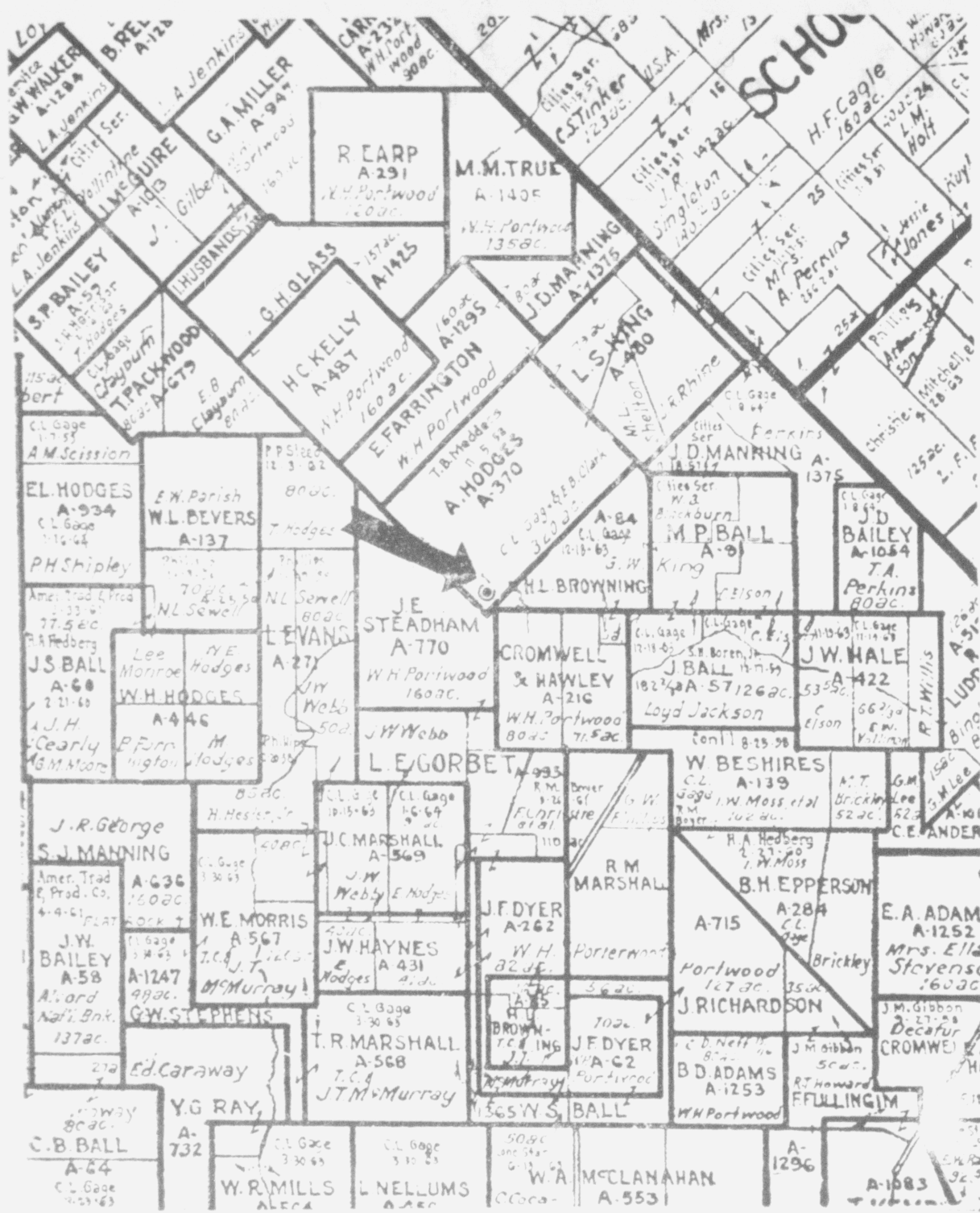
Terrell Team Works Out Here Friday at 3

The Terrell high school football team will work out tomorrow afternoon at the college field at 3 p.m. They are enroute to Vernon, where they will play Phillips in the state high school AA football semifinals Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m.

The Messenger Invites Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Brooks to be our guests to see "Rose Marie"

at the Plaza Theatre Saturday, Sunday, or Monday. Present this coupon at the box office for two complimentary tickets.

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Wise County Wildcat Located Eight Miles Northwest of Decatur Is Producer

Tom B. Madders of Wichita field in the northern section of Falls Saturday was drilling beneath the Fort Worth Basin. Madders' low 6500 feet in the No. 1 E. conducted a drillstem test at B. Clark-Coke L. Gage, Wise County wildcat eight miles north of Decatur and six miles south-east of Alvord, which promises to open a new conglomerate flow was gauged into storage

for final recovery of 110 barrels in 13 hours and 23 minutes. Packer was then released and the test continued to flow oil for six hours and 15 minutes. Final recovery on the test was 2610 feet of pipeline oil, estimated to be 44 gravity, and 90 feet of heavily oil-cut mud. There was no indication of water. The venture is in Abel Hodges survey A-370.

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Best Wishes For a Merry Christmas

Wednesday, Dec. 22

JUDY HOLIDAY

"IT SHOULD HAPPEN TO YOU!"

PETER LAWFORD JACK LEMMON

Positively No Tickets Sold at the Theatre

No Passes Honored.
The Above Merchants Have Bought this Show—Please Get Your Tickets from Them! \$25.00 Merchandise gift certificate given away each night of Merchants Free Movies. Just sign your name and address on the back of one free ticket and hand to theatre doorman either day of show. Drawing each night. Winner selects the merchant the merchandise is to come from. You do not have to be present to win and will be notified at once if not present.

Thursday, Dec. 23

SILVER LODGE

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PLAZA

Decatur

WED. & THURS.
December 22 and 23

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O. H. McAlister Has Champion Show Bull

HENRIETTA, Dec. 8—Members of the Clay County Hereford Breeders Association this week sold 56 animals for \$15,520.

It was an average of \$284 for 52 bulls and \$185 for four heifers.

The champion bull, M. Larry Domino 141, consigned by O. H. McAlister of Rhame, was purchased for \$560 by Myers Barker of Henrietta. The second place bull, T Royal Domino 8, brought \$385. It was bought by

Marvin Shaw of Bowie from George Tallant of Frederick, Okla.

Holidays Are Expected to Help Business

Decatur businessmen tell us that Christmas purchases thus far have exceeded previous years, and if this is an indication, the holiday season should bring better than usual business return.

This year local stores are ready for the buying public, stocks are full with an assortment and wide variety in colors,

sizes, etc. so that most any request can be filled.

Winter clothing and fall fashions are much in evidence.

Wise countings may save time and money by buying at home this year. When you plan your Christmas purchases, shop at home first. It's much easier, and much quicker, not to men-

tion savings in transportation as well as cost of articles needed.

Decatur was crowded Friday and Saturday as the buying for Christmas moved into high gear. Parking spaces were full, the streets filled with people from all over the county, making their rounds of Decatur stores. It is expected to be a good buying season the next two weeks.

SPECIALS GOOD FRIDAY & SATURDAY

DECEMBER
17th and 18th

SUGAR Imperial 10 lb. bag .89

Delmonte No. 300 can
TOMATO JUICE 5 for .49

18 oz. box—Chocolate, White
CAKE MIXES Gladiola .25

FLOUR Peacemaker, 25 lbs 1.79

DATES Dromedary 1 lb. box .43

Jim Jones Pure Ribbon Cane
SYRUP 45 oz. Bucket .59

Mission 12 oz Orange, Grape, Cola
CAN DRINKS 6 for .49

32 oz. can
PORK and BEANS, Diamond .15

Morton's Pure Black
PEPPER 1½ oz. can .15

Supreme Cocoanut, Chocolate
COOKIES One Pound Bag .43

PINEAPPLE Dole No. 2 Crushed .25

Dubuque—Ready to eat Picnic
HAMS 3 to 5 lbs. .43

PINKERTO N'S FOOD STORE

Farm Bureau Has Discussion On Insurance Plan

We are having constant inquiries concerning the application of the Social Security law soon to go into effect.

So, at last Thursday night, Farm Bureau meeting we had two representatives of the office Mr Willis Osburn and Mr. Douglas Bauer, to explain to the

group present the provisions of the law. Some time was given to the subject as there was keen interest and many details were discussed.

One other topic to be discussed was the extended coverage of Blue Cross and Blue Shield to cover a number of malignant diseases, such as polio and cancer.

This too proved to be a very live topic and the discussion was led by Mr. Brent Broyles, of the Dallas headquarters.

Not only was this a lively discussion of this topic, but the interest seems widespread, as we

are having many inquiries as well as applications coming into the office.

This campaign will close February 10th, 1955, and will go into effect April 1st, 1955, and no application may be taken after that date, so far as we know now.

This opens up a very important field and one that is very vital to many people. Hospitalization has become a must for all families.

The present benefits of Blue Cross and Blue Shield are not involved in the new plan, but the new coverage is in addition

to what you now have. To qualify you must have Blue Cross and Blue Shield insurance.

(adv.)

4-H Club Has Meeting Thursday

The Decatur Senior Boys 4-H Club met last Thursday. The meeting was called to order by Bob Carter, the president.

Then there was a report from Ronald Womack about the first council meeting of the year.

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Then there was another re-County 4-H Christmas party port from Bob Carter about the which is to be held at the Decatur High School, December 18, 1954. The meeting was adjourned.

Oddis Chilton then led some songs.
Mr. Tapp told us about the Ronald Womack

NEWS FROM RHOME

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Senften and sons from Boise, Idaho; Mrs. Clara Clark and Miss Pres-da Leubner of Dallas, Mrs. Selma Dodson of McGregor, Texas, were recent guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Cook.

The little Scout boys sold cookies in town as one of their Christmas projects. They did very well and sold many cookies.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Middleton and Kathy of Handley spent Saturday with her parents Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Troxell. Kathy was celebrating her 8th birthday.

Mrs. John Petras has returned home from Houston, where she was called to the bedside of her son Henry who is critically ill from a gun wound. She reports he is some better.

Sunday guests in the Robert Owens home were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Reeves of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wakefield of Ponder and Mrs. Bess Cobb of Los Angeles, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hall visited their daughter Mr. and Mrs. George Camp and children of Wichita Falls Sunday. They reported they were in a big snow and such a beautiful snow. They regretted it wasn't Christmas morning.

Mrs. E. C. Troxell Jr. and little daughter Sandra spent Monday with the E. C. Srs.

Bro. and sister Rhoten spent the day Sunday with the Bill Bennetts.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold McDuffy and daughter Sue of Fort Worth, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Morris Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Bost visited their son Harold Bost and family of Fort Worth Sunday; also the Haney Barney family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Wylie and Buddy visited the J. H. Fe-well family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Shaw and daughters of Fort Worth were Sunday guests of Mrs. C. E. Shaw.

Mrs. D. G. Ellis has returned from an extended visit with relatives in Pampa.

Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Browning and family visited relatives in Fort Worth Saturday.

Rev. and Mrs. Ray Nobles of Jacksonville, Florida were week end guests of Bro. and Mrs. Harold O. Horne.

Mr. and Mrs. Barney Wright visited in Paradise Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arlis Haun and Dixie visited her mother, Mrs. J. E. Pennington at Justin Sunday.

Mrs. Farmer of Dublin is making an extended visit with Mr. and Mrs. H. N. George.

The Cub Scouts, Pack 91, Rhome, held a cookee sale Saturday, Dec. 11 and made 21.87. We would like to extend our

thanks to the mothers that baked the cookies for us and to the whole town of Rhome for their wonderful cooperation.

AMENDMENT
Roy C. Coffee—Christie Mitchell & Mitchell
R D Grantham et ux—Christie Mitchell & Mitchell
Dean Padfield et ux—Johnny Mitchell
R E Wallis Jr. et al—Christie Mitchell

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Vestal Good et ux—United Properties Inc.

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Clara Lee Mutchie et vir—R. D. Goodrich

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Ann Blythe and Fernando Lamas in a scene from "ROSE MARIE" with Howard Keel in CINEMASCOPE and in Technicolor coming to the Plaza Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday.



Three For The Holidays

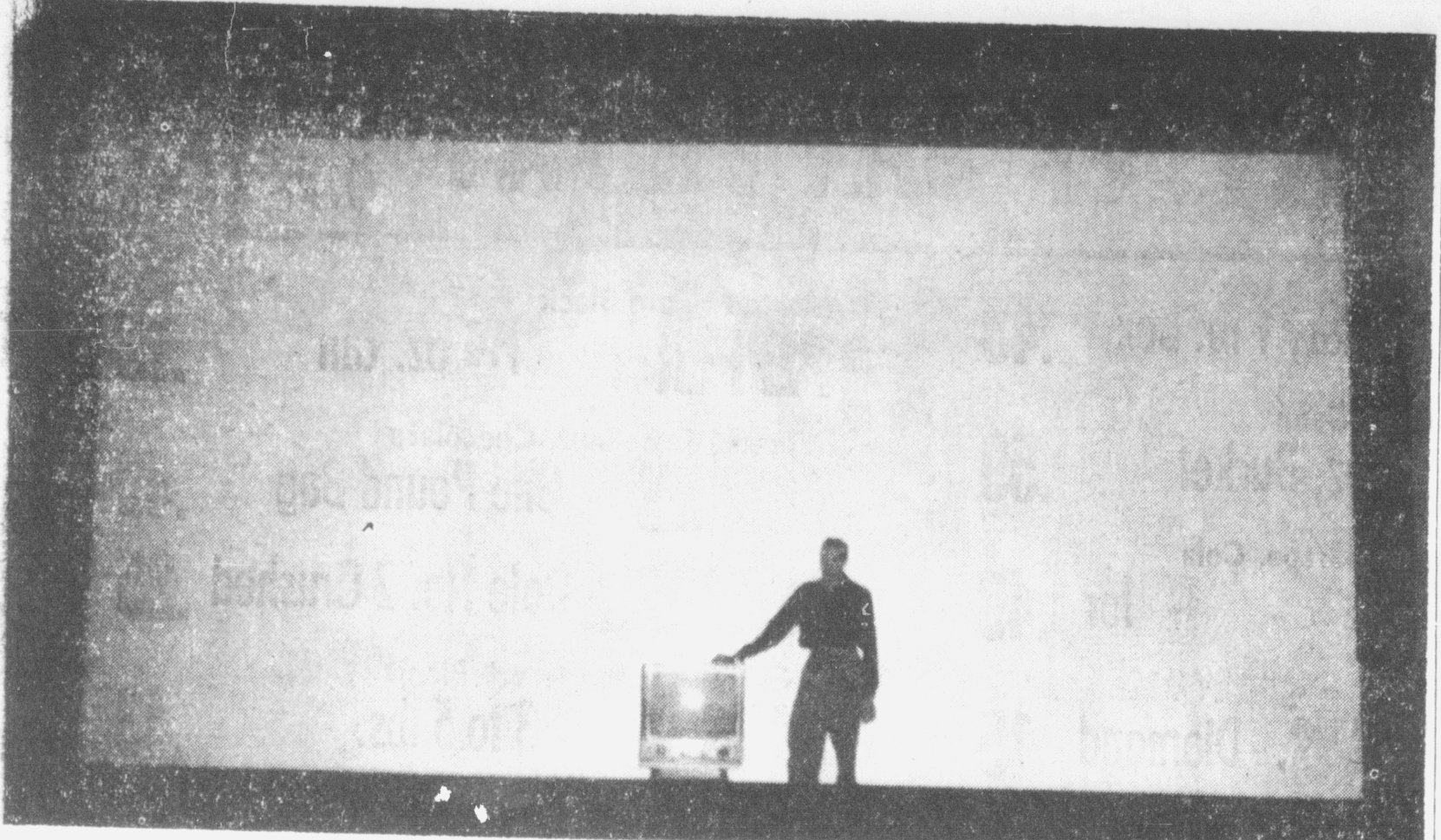
You don't really have to be an angel to enjoy the three Christmas flavors that Vandervoort's had made especially for the holidays. Just ask your dealer for the tangy refreshment of Vandervoort's Cranberry Sherbet... Eggnog Royal Ice Cream and Pistachio Royal Ice Cream. They're "SURE-GOOD"!



PISTACHIO ROYAL ICE CREAM
CRANBERRY SHERBET
EGGNOG ROYAL ICE CREAM

FOR SPECIAL HOLIDAY REFRESHMENT

VANDERVOORT'S
ROYAL ICE CREAM



Plaza Theatre Now Offers Wonders of CinemaScope to Decatur Movie-Goers

A giant curved screen has been installed in the Plaza Theatre recently. The screen is proportioned to accommodate CinemaScope and other methods, along with wide screen projection. Art Solomon, 6'2" manager of the Plaza Theatre, is standing in front of the screen and is dwarfed by the size of the giant new screen. Mr. Solomon announced that CinemaScope will be presented this coming Sunday, December 19th. It features Howard Keel & Ann Blyth in "Rose Marie". Other than CinemaScope, an all new and enlarged wide screen picture will be presented with such outstanding attractions as "GAMBLER FROM NATCHEZ," "CASANOVA'S BIG NIGHT," "DRUMS ACROSS THE RIVER" and our New Year's Preview of "LIVING IT UP" with Martin and Lewis.

Emergency Feed Program Aids Farmers, Ranchers

The Emergency Feed Program which is to assist established livestock producers maintain their basic herd of cattle, sheep, and goats also enables farmers to purchase feed grains

at a reduced price of \$1.00 per hundred weight below the local price. The farmers and ranchers purchase their grains through their local trade channels. The hay program assists farmers and ranchers in paying the cost of transportation, but not to exceed one-half the actual cost of transportation. The Farmers Home Administration plays no part in the actual acquisition and disposition of hay. The hay is to be handled through established channels of trade.

Those farmers and ranchers who need this emergency assistance file their application at the local office of the Farmers Home Administration; after which, the county committee of FHA reviews all applications for hay and grain feeds to determine the eligibility of the applicant. There have been 1475 applications until they are advised to discontinue. These

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applications can be made at the Farmers Home Administration office, in the basement of the post office, Decatur, Texas.

NOTICE TO ALL AMERICAN LEGIONS
There will be a covered dish supper Dec. 29th at the Legion Hall. The ladies will please bring a covered dish. Each member is asked to please bring some fruit, candy, or nuts to make up a basket for some needy family for Christmas.

—Reporter
Virginia Rowe

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BASKETBALL SCHEDULE			
SLIDELL GREYHOUNDS			
Dec. 7	Bowie	Bowie	
10	Buckner Home	Slidell	
13	Bowie	Slidell	
14	Nocona	Nocona	
16, 17, 18	N.T.S. Tournament	N.T.S. Denton	
21	Nocona	Slidell	
27, 28, 29, 30, 31	Cotton Bowl Tournament	Dallas	
Jan. 4	Paradise	Slidell	
6, 7, 8	Krum	Slidell	
10	D.B.C. Tournament	D.B.C. Decatur	
13	Granbury	Granbury	
18	Ponder	Chico	
20	Chico	Paradise	
21	Paradise	Fort Worth	
25	Diamond Hill	Krum	
27	Krum	Buckner Home	
Feb. 1	Buckner Home	Ponder	
3	Chico	Slidell	
4	Diamond Hill	Slidell	
6	Granbury	Slidell	
10, 11, 12	Dist. 38-B Tournament	N.T.S. Denton	

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Obituary of Miss Landers

Miss Zelma Landers, daughter of the late O. R. and Louie Landers, was born in Slidell on the 6th of April 1904. She departed this life Thursday, December 9th in a Denton Hospital following a brief illness.

Miss Zelma, known as "Tincy" to her many friends in the Slidell Community, lived most of her life with her aunt, Mrs. Arthur Anderson in Slidell.

She joined the Baptist Church at Slidell at an early age, where she held membership at the time of her death. Miss Zelma had been faithful in her church work.

Miss Zelma had devoted her life to the welfare and comfort of others. At every opportunity she would visit the sick and aged. She was preceded in death

CARD OF THANKS
We're so grateful for our friends and neighbors that are such a comfort to us in our recent loss. The beautiful flowers, your warm handclasp, your prayers and the many food donations will always be remembered.

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BASKETBALL SCHEDULE		
DECATUR BAPTIST COLLEGE		
December 16—Cameron Agriculture College	Decatur	
December 17—Clarendon Jr. College	Decatur	
December 20—Cameron Agriculture College	Lawton, Okla.	
December 30-31—Tournament	Big Spring	
January 1—Howard County College	Decatur	
*January 4—Weatherford Jr. College	Decatur	
*January 6—Allan Military Academy	Decatur	
*January 7—Blinn Jr. College	Decatur	
*January 11—Cisco Jr. College	Cisco	
*January 14—Navarro Jr. College	Corsicana	
January 17—Midwestern University "B"	Decatur	
January 25—Henderson County Jr. College	Decatur	
January 28—Arlington State College	Decatur	
*January 31—Allan Military Academy	Bryan	
*February 1—Blinn Jr. College	Brenham	
*February 8—Henderson County Jr. College	Athens	
*February 10—Weatherford Jr. College	Weatherford	
*Conference February 12—Howard Payne "B"	Brownwood	
*February 15—Navarro Jr. College	Decatur	
*February 17—Cisco Jr. College	Decatur	
February 19—Midwestern University "B"	Wichita Falls	

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"The Centennial History of Wise County"

by MARY CATES MOORE

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The publication of the "Centennial History of Wise County" came as a result of the many requests which the family of the late Cliff D. Cates continue to receive for copies of his "Pioneer History" which covers only the first twenty-year settlement period and which has been out of print many years.

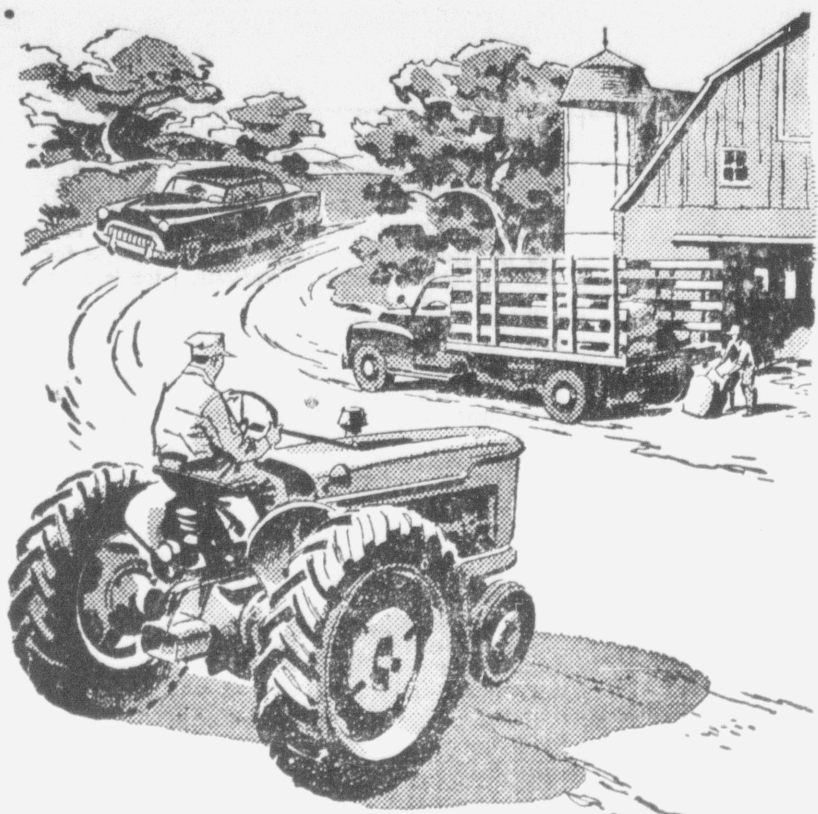
The present volume describes Wise County in the process of change from its primitive, unsettled stage one hundred years ago to its present commercial status. It contains all the chapters upon early settlement, Indian raids, Civil War, early stage routes, Spanish-American War, the development of the cattle industry, the rise of the automobile age, and modern commerce including oil promotion, and conservation.

Wise County units in World Wars I and II are given detailed treatment with roster lists where available. A chapter devoted to the "Lost Battalion" contains a sketch by Maj. Charles Allen Cates, a survivor of that expedition, the roster, and a list of those who perished during their imprisonment. The Korean service and roster list is also represented.

In conclusion the book gives sketches of a few of Wise County's citizens who have become outstanding in various fields in the state or nation. These include: Joseph Fort Newton, internationally known author and churchman; Dr. J. L. Ward, educator; Walter Splawn, former president of the University of Texas, and Secretary of Interstate Commerce Commission in Washington; J. J. Perkins, oil man and philanthropist, and the great W. T. Waggoner interests which originated in Wise County; Dr. J. B. Tidwell and others.

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Once Upon a Time

Interesting Items from the files of THE MESSENGER 25 and 50 Years Ago...



25 Years Ago

December 1929

Business in the Decatur post office is picking up—a new electric cancelling machine has just been installed and the boys won't have to turn the crank.

Marriage may be in heaven, but the sofas in Decatur homes have been the scene of a lot of preliminary arrangements.

One of the most artistically executed pieces of holiday decorations is to be found sketched on the plate glass windows of the Decatur Motor Company display room, the hand executed work of Hiram Monroe Helm, manager of the company. The work is in two sections, the one being a likeness of Old Santa himself, painted almost to perfection, the other being a home and village scene characteristic of Christmas environment and exuding a home-like Christmas feeling and atmosphere.

Treasury officials say the new money will be slow getting around as though a lot of us in Decatur didn't realize that already.

Why is it that if you are right 99 times and wrong once everybody remembers the time you were wrong?

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50 Years Ago

Here after there will be no ringing of the Methodist Church bell; those who wish to be on time at various services, must depend on the accuracy of their time pieces alone, for the bell will no longer call the faithful few.

A light snow fell here Tuesday night giving a decidedly Christmas aspect to things and putting feelings in bones in harmony with the approaching holidays.

Card are out announcing the marriage of J. H. Cates and Miss Oral Kenny to take place December 27th.

The five rural free delivery routes out of this place did the following business last month: collected 3720 pieces of mail; delivered 16,328 pieces; took application for 139 money orders; collected and delivered 15

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SERVICES

11:00 A. M. and

7:30 P. M.

Everyone Invited

Rev. E. E. Taylor

Pastor

pieces of registered mail matter and sold \$76.91 worth of stamps, stamped envelopes and stamped paper.

I. J. Wren has bought the C. E. Mann's interest in the drug store at Boyd, and will move his family there from Springtown.

We are apt to dub a man a crank if he refuses to give up his opinions and accept our own.

"Good Morning, have you been held up or murdered?" is the salutation with which fashionable Dallasites pass the time of day. Even the mayor is be-

coming not a little concerned about the notoriety the town is acquiring, while the constabulary is closing in on the gamblers and close-reined those hot beds of vice and crime.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
SERVICES

SUNDAY:

Bible Study 9:45 A.M.

Preaching 10:45 A.M.

Young People .. 6:30 P.M.

Preaching 7:30 P.M.

TUESDAY:

Men's Class 7:30 P.M.

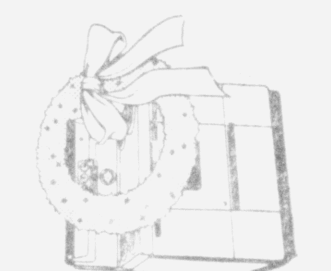
WEDNESDAY:

Ladies Bible Class 1:30 P.M.

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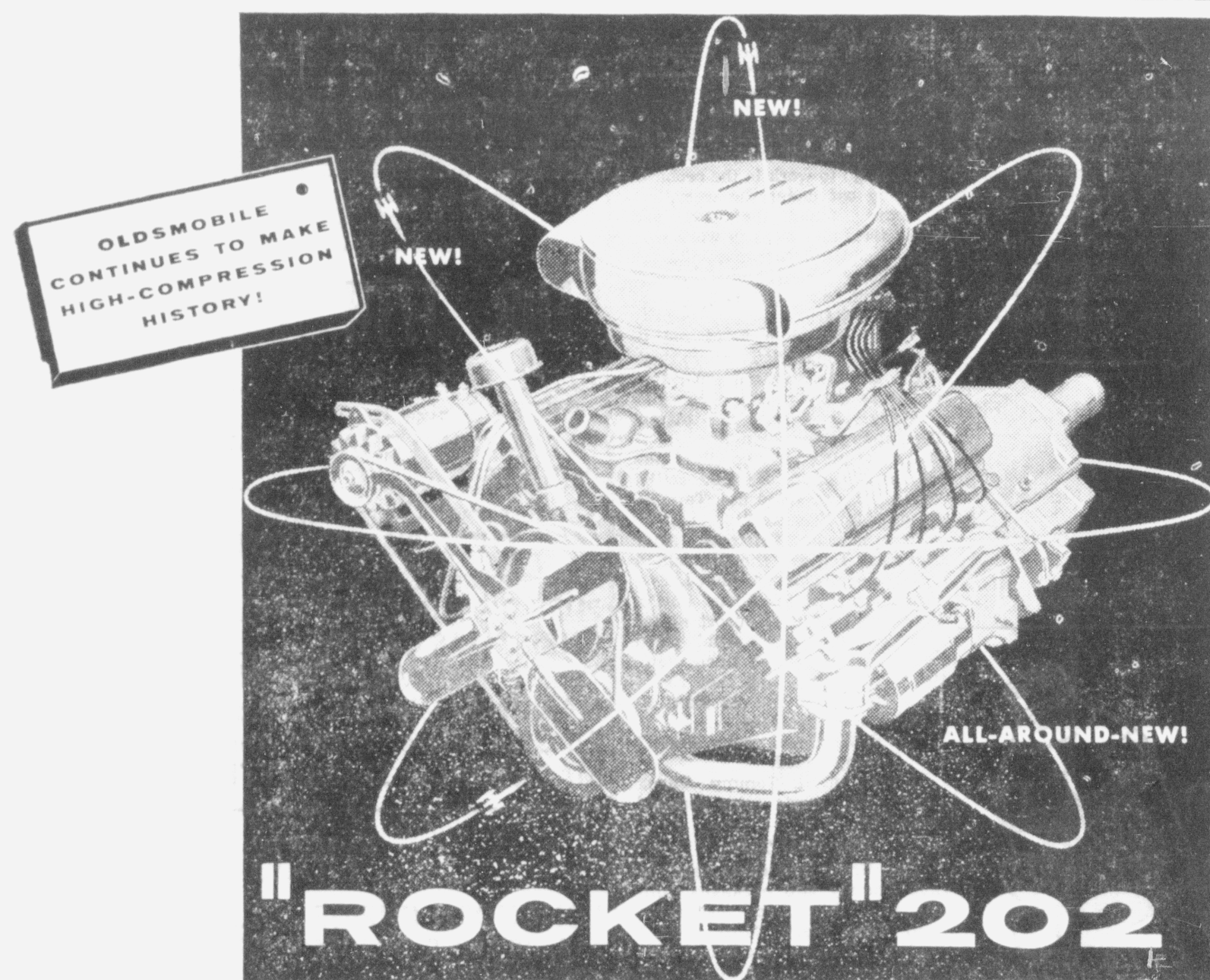
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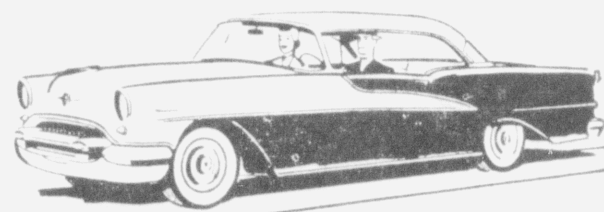
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FOR RENT—Small house 3 rooms and bath. All modern conveniences. Two miles south on Fort Worth Highway. Contact Dwight Dodson, phone 3681 or 6320. 1tc

FOR RENT—Bedroom, twin beds, private bath. Men only need apply. Mrs. C. A. Burton, Phone 5191.

FOR RENT—Modern 5 room house, furnished. Good location. All conveniences. See W. P. Hill, 1tc.

FOR RENT—House on West Walnut Street, and furnished apartment. Call 3481. Mrs. Zina Fox.

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Much farm stored grain is already weevily and is daily deteriorating in value. Some storage space now available under Uniform Grain Storage Program for wheat, milo, or oats in Morrison's new Elevator at Denton. Empty your bins now while space is available. When harvest time comes, space may be hard to find. Let us help you to fully protect your grain investment.

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LOST—Green billfold, contained about \$15.00, drivers license and other papers lost on east side of square Tuesday morning. Will person who found it please call Mrs. A. B. Pipes, phone 6333.

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YOUNG MEN! The army offers a wide choice of careers for you to choose from and there is always room at the top for men with ability and ambition. Why not stop in at your nearest U.S. Army recruiting station and find out about the many advantages and opportunities that can be yours by enlisting in the U. S. Army.

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With purchase of Westinghouse Refrigerator, Washer, Dryer, Freezer, or any other major appliance, we will give you a Dolly Madison Ice Cream Freezer, a Betty Furness Cook Book, a GE Iron, and ten light globes. No down payment, 24 months to pay.

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CHICO STUDENTS ENTERTAIN AT LIONS MEETING

Chico talent brought the program to the Club last week with students from the Chico public school system bringing some very lovely vocal numbers. Lion Woods, Chico School Superintendent, is to be congratulated for the fine talent he has on hand in the Chico School System. We hope that they will return.

Decatur Lions go to our sister Club of the South end of Wise, Boyd, and there a fine time was had by all. Lion Ralph Dodson, with his usual good taste in setting up a program, had a good program for the occasion. Needless to say, the Boyd ladies had a good feed.

—From "The Din."

DECATUR FOOTBALL BOYS RECEIVE LETTER JACKETS

Santa Claus came early this year for the Decatur High football team as the nineteen members of the A team received their letter jackets at the annual banquet held last Saturday night. The boys were delightfully surprised. The sixteen members of the B squad should receive their jackets before the Christmas holidays. This is the first time to award B jackets.

The Elementary championship football squad also received their jackets this week, with the "district champs" patch attached. They are rightfully proud of these jackets.

Mr. Sam Yeates has returned home after spending several days in the hospital at McKinney. He is able to be on the job at the store.

Mrs. Trusler who is in the hospital suffering an attack of polio is reported improving. We hope she will be home for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord and little son spent last week end visiting Mrs. Ballard's parents Mr. and Mrs. James P. Hatley.

The adult class of the Boyd Baptist Church will have a Christmas party Friday night, Dec. 17th.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Pound have bought the Clark Fewell farm two miles south of Boyd.

Mr. and Mrs. George Zorns of Goldsmith, Texas, are visiting with the Ted Zorns family.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Williams and little sons of Fort Worth spent last week end with Mrs. Williams' parents, Mr and Mrs. Frank Able.

The Christmas street lights have been put up in Boyd. They can be seen from a long distance at night and are very attractive.

The window and yard Christmas scene contest sponsored by the Boyd Lions Club is going over in a big way. Many families are already making preparations to enter. Let's all have a window or yard scene. Get in the contest and help the Lions support the community Christmas tree.

The Christmas holidays for Boyd school have been set from December 22nd to January 3rd.

The Boyd Lions Club met Monday night in the Homemaking building of Boyd School. They were served a very delicious meal by the homemaking girls and their teachers Mrs. Patterson.

Joy and Jay McSpadden of Fort Worth spent a few days visiting with their grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Chas. F. Ratliff.

Mr. Weldon Boyd is still in the McKinney hospital.

The B&PW club will have their annual Christmas party next Tuesday night in the home of the club president Mr. Linn Cleckler.

On November 17 the ladies of the Boyd Church of Christ honored Mrs. John Freeman with a party at her home. Mrs. Freeman was 78 years old on this date.

She was presented with a lovely robe and slippers.

Hot chocolate and cake were served to a number of friends and relatives.

Mrs. Freeman wishes to thank those attending the party and others who contributed to her pleasure on this happy occasion.



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By Maud McCurdy Welch

TOMORROW was Christmas and Tommy was worried. It hadn't snowed at all, and if there was no snow to shovel, how could he make any money for Christmas? Tommy lived in the neat farm cottage with his Uncle Pete and Aunt Lucy. Aunt Lucy had just told him he could go over and see Jimmy Reeder but be sure to be back by five o'clock. So Tommy started walking slowly toward the Reeder farm, as he had a lot of thinking to do.

In the small sitting room Aunt Lucy and Uncle Pete were talking. Aunt Lucy insisted that two dollars was an awful lot to pay for a dog. They were poor people after all and could only afford to give Tommy sensible things.

Uncle Pete thought Tommy should have the puppy he wanted. He was only seven, and needed a playmate.

Tommy was walking along still slowly, trying not to think how wonderful it would be if he could have this little puppy. His name was Blaze, and he was a runt; that's why he cost only two dollars. Tommy thought how the pup would frolic along beside him and wag his tail, and how they'd race over the fields when spring was here. But no use thinking about Blaze. He had to get a job.

It was when he was passing the big house where Mr. Robert That-



"Could you give it to me in new shiny dollars," Tommy said.

cher lived, that the idea came. Tommy went in and asked Mr. Thatcher for a job. Mr. Thatcher was said to be a bad-tempered, stingy old man, but Tommy wasn't going to be afraid of him. He said, "I need some Christmas money, and I thought you might give me a job to do."

The old man asked grumpily, "What do you want for Christmas?"

His Xmas Wish

Tommy explained about the dog and Mr. Thatcher said, "All right, you can go to work in the orchard, cleaning out under the trees."

Tommy found the rake and other tools and went to work with vim. A little before five, the job was done. Mr. Thatcher took a look at it, and said he'd earned the two dollars.

"Could you give it to me in new shiny dollars?" Tommy asked.

The old man nodded. "Thought you were going to buy a puppy?"

"Nope. Can't have the puppy. Christmas is for giving."

The old man put two silver dollars in his hand. He said softly, "Glad you reminded me, Tommy. I'd almost forgotten."

Then it was Christmas. After breakfast Tommy proudly laid a shining silver dollar in Aunt Lucy's hand and one in Uncle Pete's. They were both so surprised for a moment they didn't speak. Then Aunt Lucy nodded at Uncle Pete. He left the room and they heard the chugging of the old Ford as it went down the lane.

"The dollar shines pretty, doesn't it?" Tommy asked.

"It's beautiful, Tommy. Thank you," Aunt Lucy's voice sounded choked up.

The Real Thing

When Uncle Pete came back, he gave Tommy two packages, mittens from Aunt Lucy and shoes from Uncle Pete. "Just what I needed," Tommy exclaimed and gave them both a big hug. Uncle Pete cleared his throat. "Tommy, your real present is on the back porch in a basket."

It was Blaze, the puppy. Tommy gave a cry of joy. He ran back to the sitting room, the puppy in his arms. "Oh, thank you, Uncle Pete. Thank you, Aunt Lucy. Thank you a million!"

But that wasn't all. An hour later a car stopped outside and a chauffeur brought in a big basket of fruit and one filled to the brim with wonderful things to eat. Even a turkey. There was a note, which read:

"Christmas is for giving. I wish you all a very Happy Yuletide." It was signed Robert Thatcher.

Aunt Lucy and Uncle Pete looked at each other in amazement. Then Uncle Pete said, "Well, Robert Thatcher certainly did get the Christmas spirit, didn't he?"

"Everybody is so good," Tommy said. He looked down at the puppy which was now asleep in his lap.

WASHINGTON AND "SMALL BUSINESS"

By C. WILSON HARDER

Some in Washington claim they see no great difference between this and former administrations.

While this viewpoint is debatable there is no doubt present Administration has been successful bringing businessmen into government.

But business experience is of little use unless utilized.

Such a problem faces Postmaster General Arthur Sumnerfield, heading operation C. W. Harder doing \$2 1/2 billion per year with a force of 552,194 employees.

The Post Office is a very fine service except for one thing.

It loses a lot of money every year. Losses now approach the \$3 billion per year mark. No businessman can contemplate red figures with ease, even when red figures are forced by law.

At present taxes subsidize much corporation advertising.

A first class letter costs three cents per ounce, or a rate of 48c per pound. The letter must be addressed to an individual.

But big firms sending out advertising matter, coupons, and other material get a rate as low as 10 cents per pound.

In addition, they need not be addressed. Just sent to "occupant" of the street, address and Post Office must deliver with reasonable promptness.

Thus for 1 1/2 cents big firms can require U. S. postal service to be errand boy delivering advertising material right to the door.

If the firm decides to put out a printed advertising booklet of 24 pages or more, and sends

them to every residence, the charge for this messenger service is only 10 cents per pound.

But anyone sending by parcel post a birthday present to Aunt Emma must pay 16 cents a pound if she is in the immediate locality, or 32 cents per pound if Aunt Emma lives at the opposite end of the nation.

Even mail order catalogs are tax-subsidized. While parcel post rates range from 18 to 32c for the first pound, and 1.45 to 18.05c for each additional pound, the big mail order catalog rate ranges from 10 to 18c for the first pound, 1.5c to 11c for each additional pound.

In other words, under the present laws, the general users of the postal service pay twice to subsidize the huge floods of direct mail advertising released by a few big corporations. The public pays both higher rates and taxes to make up deficit caused by huge flood of subsidized advertising.

There is an attempt in Congress to remedy this to some degree. Congressman E. H. Rees, chairman of House Post Office Committee reports committee has recommended direct mail pieces now carried to households for 1 1/2 cents be raised to 2 cents. This would be partial solution but still leaves direct mail advertising, especially in booklet and catalog form, enjoying a huge rate of subsidization.

While doing more business is normally considered a way to prosper, Post Office can't even afford to handle large part of present business.

But even proposed half cent increase on present huge volume would go long way to wipe out current losses. Naturally, there is strong opposition to this move by those who enjoy special privilege of a government tax subsidized advertising service.

CHRISTMAS PARTY IS PLANNED FOR YOUTH CENTER

A big Christmas party is planned by the Decatur Youth Center for Wednesday night, Dec. 22, 1954, beginning at 8 o'clock.

All the Decatur high school students are urged to come and bring a guest. No admission charges will be made and refreshments will be served.

Members of the Youth council are in charge of the decorations and the chaperons will be members of the Adult Special Committee.

The Youth Center will not

meet this Friday night, Dec. 17, 1954, due to an out of town basketball game.

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Mary Pound et vir—A. A. Drummond et al

Mary Stroud et vir—Joe S. Box

P. W. Stark et ux—W. C. Edwards

G. C. Young et ux—Coke L. Gage

GROCERY SPECIALS FOR 17TH THRU 24TH

10 LBS RED POTATOES	39
LETTUCE, size 4	head 10
10 LBS. GOLD CHAIN FLOUR	89
PICKLES, Sour or Dill	quart 25c
Tendersweet Corn (white or yellow)	2 for 29
MRS. TUCKER'S SHORTENING, 3 lb. can	77
Tendersweet Cut Green Beans	2 for 29
PURE RIBBON CANE SYRUP, 1/2 gal.	59
CHRISTMAS CANDY	lb. 29
Tendersweet Whole GREEN BEANS, 2 for	45
NAPKINS (colored)	80 count 2 for 25
All Cake Mixes (Except Angel Food) box	29
MACARONI or SPAGHETTI	box 17

MEATS

LONGHORN CHEESE	lb. 45
ALL BRANDS OF BISCUITS	each 10
CELLO FRANKS	lb. 39
BRICK CHILI	lb. 49
KIMBELL OLEO	lb. 19
TEXECON BACON	1 lb 39
PURE PORK SAUSAGE	lb. 39
PICNIC HAMS, 4 lbs to 6 lbs.	lb. 37
ALL KINDS OF CANDIES AND NUTS.	

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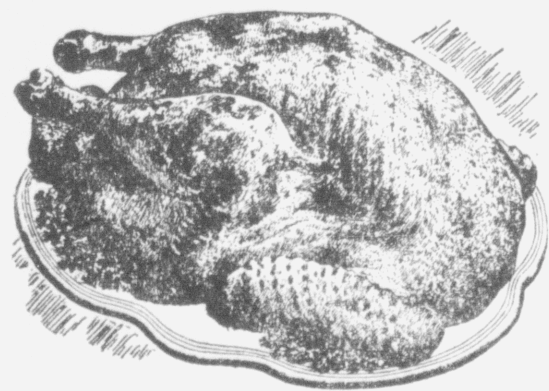
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"SUPER-RIGHT" DRESSED and DRAWN FRESH HENS

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SHANK PORTION Lb. 39¢

CANNED PICNICS 4 1/4 Lbs. 2.99

"SUPER-RIGHT" PORK SAUSAGE 1-Lb. Roll 29¢

Half or Whole Lb. 55¢

BUTT PORTION Lb. 43¢

ALLGOOD BRAND BACON Sliced 1-Lb. Pkg. 45¢

"SUPER-RIGHT" SMOKIES 12-Oz. Pkg. 39¢

FESTIVE FOODS

WARWICK ASS'T. CHOCOLATES 1-Lb. 59¢
WARWICK CHOCOLATE THIN MINTS 12-Oz. Pkg. 39¢
WARWICK EGGNOG CREAMS 7-Oz. Pkg. 29¢
WORTHMORE MARSHMALLOWS CANDY SANTAS Tray of 6 25¢
WORTHMORE ROYAL LUSTERS 12-Oz. Pkg. 25¢
WORTHMORE CANDY TOYS 1-Lb. Pkg. 29¢

RAINBO KOSHER BABY DILL PICKLES 16-Oz. Jar 25¢
RAINBO CRISPY SWEET PICKLES 12-Oz. Jar 25¢
RAINBO SWEET GHERKINS 12-Oz. Jar 27¢
RAJAH SHREDDED COCONUT 8-Oz. Pkg. 21¢
A&P FANCY GRAPE JUICE 34-Oz. Btl. 29¢
A&P FANCY APPLE SAUCE 2 16-Oz. Cons. 29¢

MINCE MEAT A&P 9 OZ. BOX 23¢

EGGS FRESH CRESTVIEW DOZ. 39¢

DATES BORDO PITTED Lb. 35¢

SPECIAL ICE CREAM BORDENS 1/2 GAL. 79¢

OCEAN SPRAY CRANBERRY SAUCE NO. 300 CAN 23¢

CORN IONA GOLDEN NO. 303 CAN 10¢

GREEN BEANS IONA CUT NO. 303 CAN 10¢

CHARLOTTE FREEZE MELLORINE BORDENS 1/2 GAL. 59¢



Festive Produce for Holiday Meals

TANGERINES FLORIDA Lb. 10¢

CELERY PASCAL LARGE STALK 19¢

ORANGES TEXAS 8 Lb. BAG 39¢

WALNUTS LARGE DIAMOND Lb. 43¢

APPLES FANCY WINESAP Lb. 15¢

COCONUT FRESH HONDURAS Lb. 10¢

CARROTS FRESH CELLO 2 Lb. Pkg. 19¢

MIXED NUTS Lb. 45¢

JANE PARKER BAKERY TREATS

JANE PARKER CHERRY PIE Each 39¢

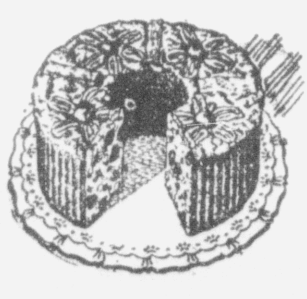
JANE PARKER STUFFING BREAD Large Loaf 20¢

JANE PARKER HOLIDAY FRUIT CAKE 1 1/2 Lbs. 1.29

JANE PARKER CARAMEL RAISIN BUNS Pkg. of 6 29¢

JANE PARKER ENRICHED WHITE BREAD Large Loaf 20¢

JANE PARKER ANGEL FOOD CAKE Large Ring Each 49¢



A&P Food Stores



Prices effective through Saturday, December 18

Three Wise County Dairymen Acquire Ayrshire Stock

Local dairymen have recently made an initial purchase of registered Ayrshires according to the Ayrshire Breeders' Association Executive Secretary, Chester C. Putney of Brandon, Vermont. They are J. E. Keller, Alvord, 1; E. M. McCurdy, Decatur, 1; and W. A. Tinney, Boyd, 2.

The transaction was recorded in the National Office of the Ayrshire Breeders' Association in Brandon where complete records on all registered Ayrshires in the United States have been maintained since 1875.

Because of their ability to produce at a low cost an abundance of milk with an average butterfat test of 4 percent, the Ayrshire breed of dairy cattle has become increasingly popular with dairymen throughout the country.

EIGHTER from page 1—elementary kids have a patch on their, district champs, and have on display at the grammar school a nice trophy attesting the fact.

Next Wednesday Lions Club members will have their annual Xmas tree.

The post office force is having a heavy incoming and outgoing mail, which is expected to continue through the coming week. They tell me they are the boys who can do the job.

A good time to shop would have been early Monday morning, the cold sure kept people off the streets and stores empty for a few hours. It warmed up by noon, and the holiday buying resumed.

We have received an invitation to attend the annual FFA Christmas Banquet at the Northwest High School the evening of December 20, at 7 p.m. The boys and girls always have a swell affair for their annual Xmas get-together, and we hope we can be there.

The water tower runs over every once in awhile, sprinkling our street with what looks like a light rain. It fools us occasionally, and makes many people passing in freshly washed cars, wonder what is happening.

Decatur merchants are well pleased with business, and are looking forward to a banner season (with the usual last minute rush).

Only 7 more shopping days until Christmas.

School is out next Tuesday Dec. 21, and opens again Monday, Jan. 3.

The Plaza opened with CinemaScope this past week and other such shows are being shown this week. Something new for Decatur show fans.

ELEMENTARY BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

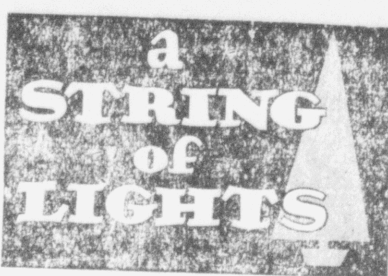
Dec. 17—Northwest
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January 4—Bridgeport
Jan. 7—Bridgeport
Jan. 10—Jacksboro
Jan. 14—Bowling
Jan. 18—Nocona
Jan. 21—OPEN
Jan. 25—Olney
Jan. 28—OPEN
Feb. 1—Jacksboro
Feb. 4—Bowling
Feb. 8—Nocona
Feb. 11—Olney

conference games.

MARRIAGE LICENSE
O. A. Eakman—Glenda Jo North 12-4
L. B. Bazar—Gisela W. Bazar 12-1
M. L. Baker—Lois I. Fraser 11-24
S. P. Allsup—Beatrice Harp 11-23
W. C. Dawson—Wilma H. Darter 11-20
M. T. Nobles—Juanita A. Wier 11-20
W. E. Meek—Maudie E. Abbott 11-19
C. J. Brewer—Dollie Gabhart 11-18

CARD OF THANKS
We wish to express our very deep appreciation for the many kindnesses extended to us in our recent sorrow. The innumerable cards, floral offerings, and expressions of sympathy have been a great comfort to us and we offer our heartfelt thanks to each of you.

—Gene and Rowena Brummell and family.



By Don Wheeler
WE WERE in a dust covered box that sat in the corner of Mr. Barker's attic. All through the year no one ever bothered about us, but now, at Christmas time, we knew that once again we would be the center of attraction. Grumbling and grunting, Mr. Barker lifted our box into his arms and started down the attic stairs.

Being a rather plump fellow with a stomach that protruded so far he couldn't see his feet, he was, I regret to say, somewhat clumsy. About half way down the stairs he stumbled and our box went tumbling down the stairs. I was uninjured, but I'm afraid some of my friends suffered from the fall. A few minutes later we were all unpacked and laid on the huge dining room table.

"Well now, let's see, John," said Mrs. Barker. "We can use this string of lights, and this string and, oh! We don't want to use this old string again, John! They've been around here for years. Throw them out in the trash with these other things that were broken when you fell."

I was shocked! For years I had been used to decorate the Barker's Christmas tree, and now, simply because I was getting a little old, they were throwing me out! I is true that my popularity with the Barkers had declined through the years. When I was new I was used at the top, but each year



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I seemed to find myself placed lower and lower on the tree.

Unwanted Home
My friends, most of them broken in tiny pieces, and myself were cast upon the trash pile in the alley. I felt sorry for them. They had many years of use ahead of them had Mr. Barker been more careful, but now they could never be used again. But what of me? I wasn't broken; only a little old.

For two days I lay on the trash pile with my broken friends, and then, on the third day, a small child, who seemed to be searching the trash cans in the alley to see if he could find something of value, came upon me. With a cry of delight he gathered me into his tiny hands and scampered out of the alley and to the edge of the small town, where he lived in a broken down little old house.

How glad were his brothers and sisters when they saw me! That evening they trimmed their tiny tree, it was scarcely three feet tall, and I was the principle item of decoration. One of my lights was placed at the top of the tree and the rest were wound in and about from top to bottom. Then the tree was placed in the front window and for the first time in my life I was given the task of lighting an entire tree.

That evening it snowed and snowed and the wind whistled harshly about the corners of the house. I was glad that I was in a warm house instead of being on the trash pile in the alley.

A Visitor Comes
Suddenly there was a loud rap on the door. When Mr. Cullen opened it I heard a man's voice ask, "Have you seen the 'ranger boy'?" He was out playing this afternoon and hasn't come home yet. We think he's become lost in the storm. The whole town is out looking for him. Would you like to help, Mr. Cullen?"

Mr. Cullen quickly put on his coat and scarf and followed the man into the dark cold night. They had been gone only about twenty minutes when again there was a knocking at the door. When Mrs. Cullen opened it, in stepped a tall man, carrying a boy in his arms. The boy's ears and nose were blue from the cold, and his teeth chattered.

"Mrs. Cullen," said the man, "this is Tommy Granger. I'd like to leave him here while I go tell his parents we've found him and send word to the others to stop searching. It's no wonder he was lost in a storm like this. I was almost lost myself until I saw the light from your tree in the window."

How proud I was when I heard those words. My lights seemed to brighten and shine as they had never done before; especially the one at the very top of the tree.

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NEWS FROM DECATUR CIRCUIT

Sand Hill

A large group of Sand Hill people met at the Methodist Church for the annual Christmas party Monday night. Gifts were exchanged following a program sponsored by the WSCS of the local church. Homemade candy and pop corn prepared by the Plaza Theater were served.

Rev. Thomas Nation filled the Second Sunday preaching appointment at Sand Hill. Sunday School met at 10:00 a.m. Earnest Gregg, Superintendent of the Church School, presided.

Mr. and Mrs. Guinn Thompson had as Sunday dinner guests Mr. and Mrs. Emory Don Hilton and Rev. and Mrs. Nation, Dixie, Lewellyn and Delvin.

Oak Grove

The annual Christmas tree service will be at held at the Methodist Church Friday night, December 24.

Greenwood

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Sloan's guests for the evening meal Saturday were Rev. and Mrs. Nation and children.

Attendance at the Saturday night service at the Methodist Church was sharply affected by the rains at service time.

Slidell

The annual Christmas program of the Methodist Church has been scheduled for Wednesday evening, December 15th, at the home of James Davis.

The Fourth Sunday preaching services at Slidell Methodist Church will not be held. The pastor will be guest speaker in the pulpit of his home church in Lamar, Arkansas, that day.

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WASHINGTON AND "SMALL BUSINESS"

By C. WILSON HARDER

Independent businessmen favor greater grass roots control of money and credit.

If just completed nationwide membership poll by National Federation of Independent Business, voting was 75% in favor of companion bills by Senator Capehart and Congressman Multer.

These bills seek to place bank holding corporations on same footing as independent banks.

Holding corporations would be barred from controlling both banks and non-banking enterprises; from adding branches without securing same approval required of independent banks.

For many reasons, independent business wishes independent banks made more secure. One reason is local control of the communities cash and credit by people with firsthand knowledge of local conditions is better for all. Another major reason is belief bank holding corporations have aided local governmental extravagance. Much extravagance blamed on Washington has been at the local level, as local politicians love to spend money, too.

A political subdivision, wishing to issue bonds to pay for any scheme thought up, usually finds who will buy the bonds before an election is decided upon. Politicians know how to ballyhoo across bond elections, but don't want to end up with a batch of bonds that can't be peddled. In contemporary times, local politicians have found bank holding corporations very helpful.

As bonded indebtedness is a

lien on all the real estate in a subdivision distant financiers, faced with huge sums of cash siphoned off from many sources, are only interested primarily in whether the total assets of the community adequately back up the bonds; not in a long range viewpoint of community needs.

Thus, even with grandiose schemes that no local banker will endorse, politicians can go to a bank holding corporation.

With a constant feel on the community pulse, the local banker knows whether or not the county can afford a gold plated courthouse at this time, or whether it should settle for a more modest structure, and reserve some of its bonding capacity for needs of the near future such as more schools.

But when politicians can hook the community assets with a distant financier on the basis of cold balance sheet figures, and thus the wise counsel of local bankers conditioned by an intimate knowledge of local needs is lost to the community, local political subdivisions are in for future trouble.

Even today some communities with urgent needs have found their bonding birthright already pledged by politicians in a manner that would have never been possible if the sale of bonds had depended upon the judgment of strong local banks.

Thus today, a few bank holding corporations through ownership of federal, state, county and city bonds, own much of the U. S. Government. Tomorrow the whole world may pay interest to Caesar. And that is why independent businessmen want this trend stopped; want not smaller, but much bigger locally owned independent banks.



C. W. Harder

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JACK RHINE AND WAYNE STONE PLEDGE NTSC FRAT

DENTON, Nov. 30—Two students from Decatur have been selected to pledge Lambda Chi Alpha social fraternity at North Texas State College this semester.

They are Jack Rhine, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter G. Rhine, and Wayne Stone, son of Curtis Wayne Stone.

Rhine is a senior accounting major and Stone is a junior accounting major.

Cooking School Is Postponed

The cooking demonstration at the high school scheduled for this afternoon has been cancelled.

Mrs. Nella V. Payne, TP&L representative, who was to have helped in the school was injured in an accident over the week end and is in a Gainesville hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Jones from Mart, were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Rogers.

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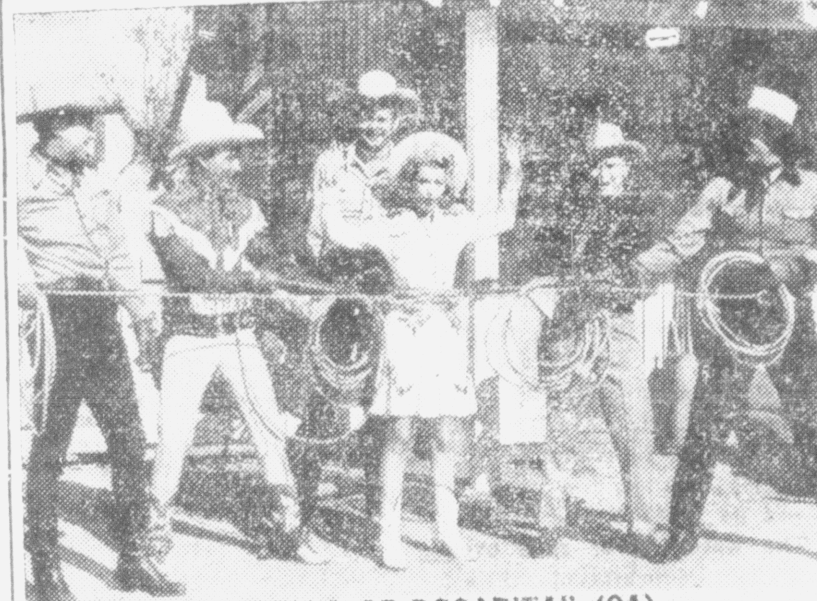
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"BELLS OF ROSARITA" (2A)

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Obituary of Hugh C. Rodden

Hugh Clyde Rodden, son of the late Wm. and Lee Rodden, early settlers of Kaufman County, was born near Terrell on the 9th of March, 1888. He departed this life Tuesday, December 7th at Sanatorium, Texas, following an illness of four and a half years.

On November 3rd, 1911 Hugh C. Rodden and Adaline Campbell were married. Two children were born to this union, one son and a daughter.

The Roddens spent the first ten years of their married life in Kaufman County. They later moved to Wise County and settled in the Greenwood Community where they lived thirty years. Mr. Rodden was engaged in carpentering and farming up until the time of his recent illness.

Mr. Rodden obeyed the gospel and became a member of the Church of Christ in 1938 while living in the Greenwood Community.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Addie Rodden of San Angelo, Texas, one daughter, Mrs. Margaret Moss of Fort Worth, one son, John Rodden of Arlington, and three grandchildren.

He is also survived by two sisters: Mrs. Flora Kearns of Bakersfield, Calif.; and Mrs. Ethel Choat of Graham, Texas; three brothers: Emmett Rodden of Graham; Carl Rodden of Bakersville, California; and Rupert Rodden of McAlester, Okla. He is also survived by a host of other relatives and close friends.

Funeral services were held at Christian's Chapel Thursday, December 9th at 2:00 p.m. conducted by Minister Wm. McCown of Fort Worth. Pallbearers were Wayne Wil-

ls, Ras Fortenberry, Chas. Maxwell, Joe Howard Harley Fortenberry and Winford Carter. Interment was in Greenwood Cemetery.

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Services Held For A. B. Pipes

Albert Byron Pipes, son of the late J. R. and Elizabeth Pipes, was born at Forney, Texas, on July 30th, 1884. He spent his childhood and young manhood there. When he was twenty years of age his family moved to Coppell in Tarrant County.

Soon after they moved to Coppell Mr. Pipes met Miss Eula Lee, also of Coppell. They were united in marriage on the 18th of January, 1905. They established their home in the Coppell Community where Mr. Pipes was engaged in farming. Three sons were born to this union. One son, Richard Earl, preceded his father in death on February 4, 1928.

In 1912 Mr. Pipes moved his family to Benbrook, Texas, where they lived for five years. The next 20 years of his life were successively spent in Parker County, Fort Worth, and Birdville, Texas. In 1935 Mr. Pipes moved to Wise County and bought a stock farm 3 miles west of Decatur, where he was living at the time of his death.

Mr. Pipes united with the Methodist Church in boyhood and has been a faithful and loyal member. He moved his membership to the first Methodist Church in Decatur in 1935. Since then he has served as a Steward in the church for 14 years. While living at Birdville he helped to organize the church there, which is now St. Luke's Methodist Church.

Mr. Pipes had been in failing health for about a year, but he became ill about 10 days before his death and was taken to a local hospital. It was thought that he was on his way to recovery, but he suddenly became worse on Saturday night, December 4th and passed away on Monday, December 6th at 1:00 a.m. At the time of his death he was 70 years of age.

He and Mrs. Pipes had been making preparations for celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this coming January 18th.

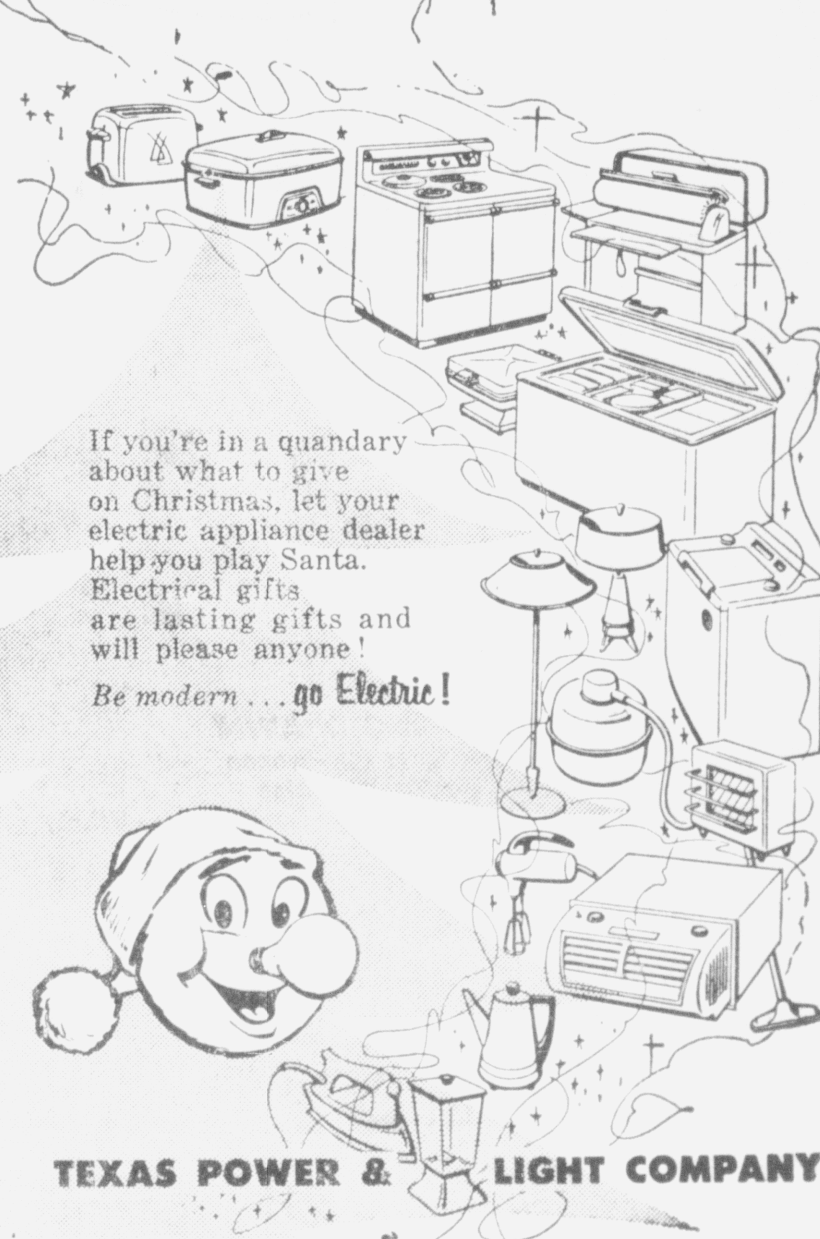
He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Eula Pipes, two sons, James Harold of Keller, Texas and Bert of Decatur. He is also survived by three grandchildren, a great grandchild, and a group of nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

Funeral services were held at the First Methodist Church Tuesday, December 7th at 2:00 p.m. conducted by pastor Morris C. Smith and former pastor, Wm. D. Craig from Gainesville.

Pallbearers were: Jerald Thweatt, Fate Thweatt, Jack Haynes, Buck Haynes, Floyd Haynes, and Ray Harrison.

Interment was in Birdville

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Cemetery, Birdville, Texas. turned home for a visit with her son T. J. Dillehay and family. Mrs. T. J. Dillehay has resided in Houston.

From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

Guess It's Called a Safety "Drive"

Whitey Fisher, from the State Motor Vehicle Department, dropped by to discuss some of our local traffic problems.

"Up at Center Junction," Whitey says, "they've got a new sign that really slows down the traffic going through town."

"The sign says, 'At 25 miles an hour, you can drive through Center Junction in 2 1/2 minutes! It slows people down too—some just take it easy to check on that 2 1/2 minutes, I guess. Hasn't even been a dented fender since that sign went up."

From where I sit, it wasn't what the sign said, but the way it was said. People are usually pretty understanding if they understand what you mean. It's the same way with differences of opinion. Perhaps your neighbor prefers a temperate glass of beer, and you would choose buttermilk. What I'd like to see is for all of us to "slow down," talk it out, and be respectful of our neighbor's rights.

Joe Marsh

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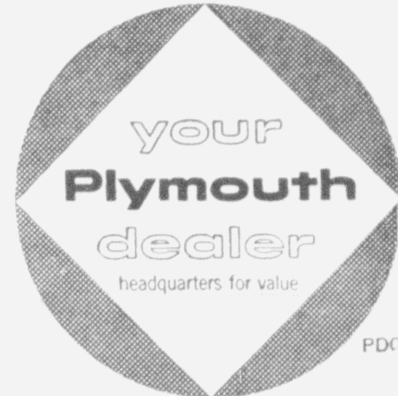
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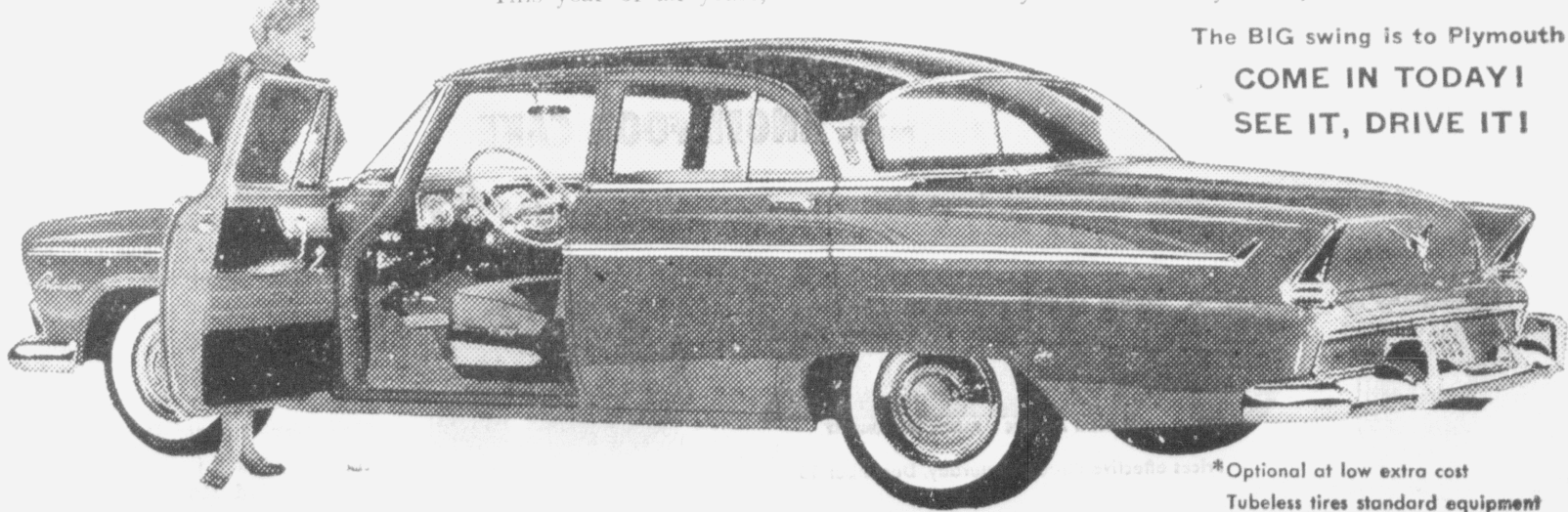


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CENTENNIAL HISTORY OF WISE COUNTY

THIRD ISSUE

The publication of the Centennial History of Wise County came as the result of the many requests which the family of the late Cliff D. Cates continues to receive for copies of his "Pioneer History" which is out of print.

The present volume describes Wise County in the process of change from its primitive unsettled stage one hundred years ago to its present commercial status. It contains all the chapters upon early settlement, Indian raids, Civil War, early stage routes, the coming of the railroads, the cattle industry, the auto age, conservation and oil discovery.

Wise County units in World Wars I and II are given detailed treatment with roster lists where available. A chapter devoted to the "Lost Battalion" contains a sketch by Maj. Charles Allen Cates, a survivor of that tragic expedition, the roster and a list of those who perished during their imprisonment. The Korean service and roster list is also represented.

In conclusion the book gives sketches of several of Wise County's citizens who have become outstanding in the state or nation. These include Dr. J. L. Ward, educator; Joseph Fort Newton, author; Walter Splawn, Secretary of Interstate Commerce Commission; J. J. Perkins; the W. T. Waggoner interests and others.

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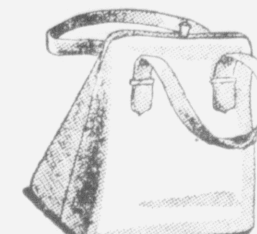
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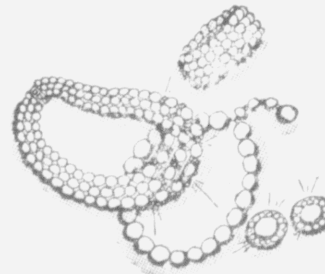
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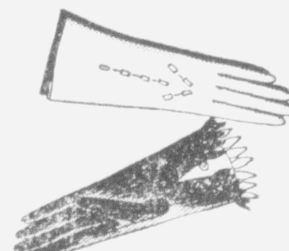
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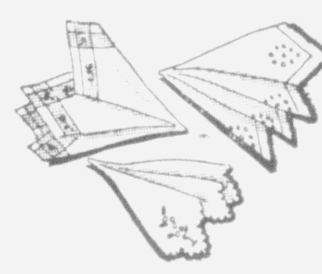
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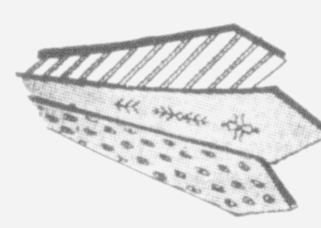
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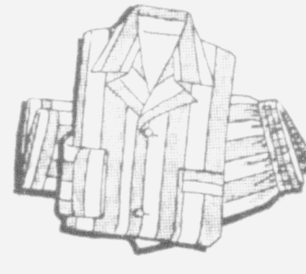
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By Norman A. Disher
THERE was little doubt about it; it was Laura. I hadn't seen her for five years but I'd never forget that exquisite face. Laura and I had been engaged about five years ago but it hadn't worked out because she'd decided one day that she wanted to do things before settling down. Going to Spain was one of them and I had been in Europe during the war so going back didn't appeal to me. I was ready to call one spot home so when I told her about the house I was building in Carmel she wasn't pleased. After that she avoided setting a definite date and finally I saw what was going to happen so I let her go.



This all came as a shock to me and I didn't know what to say.

It was a hard thing to do but it was the best way.

She looked my way and saw me then motioned me to come over to her stool.

"Hello Bob, it's been a long, long time."

"Five years Christmas, remember?"

I looked at her eyes, they were softer now, kinder and older.

"Yes, I remember. Still single?"

"Oh yes, yes," I looked out the window at the grey afternoon.

"I figured I'd run into you one of these days. How come you're still single. A nice person like you shouldn't have trouble getting married."

"I've never found anyone I liked well enough. They all seem sort of anti-climatic after you Laura."

Her Surprise

She looked at me and I thought I detected a momentary flash of fear in her glance.

"We did have something pretty wonderful, didn't we. I've regretted spoiling it more than once. I guess I was just too young."

She smiled in a funny way so I thought I had best change the subject.

"I thought you were in Europe?"

"I was Bob, but there's nothing there any more, just nothing. San Francisco has more of a flavor than Paris and the rest of the places. Maybe it's just me, I wandered around for almost five years and I still didn't find anything."

"You seem to be a more mature person now Laura."

"Five years have done that. What are you doing now?"

"Still writing a column, same one," I replied.

"Bob, do you understand why I left?"

Her Secret

I winced inside. I had hoped she'd let it pass but she seemed to want to open the old wound.

"No, I don't."

"Well, it was because I had to find out where home really was—I had to find what love really meant. I met a person over in England that I thought was what I wanted. I thought I fell in love with him until we went together for awhile and I began to notice small things about him that I didn't like; oh things like the way he contradicted me on small unimportant matters. One day it all blew up because I had remarked that you and I had never been so tense together. Then it dawned on me that you were really what I had wanted after all but I was just too dumb to see it. That's when I came back. I had to grow a little more to catch up with you. Do you see now?"

This all came as a shock to me and I didn't know what to say.

"Why haven't you tried to get in touch with me?" I asked her.

"People change."

"Not me Laura; not where you're concerned."

"I wasn't sure Bob—there's so much I want to say to you."

I looked at her soft, pink face and her wheat-colored hair and the way she felt for me with her eyes. Our eyes met and I took her hand.

"Let's get out of here," I whispered.

As I pushed open the doors that led to the sidewalk I could hear a group singing Christmas carols. I turned to Laura and I kissed her while we stood in the grey evening light.

"It's going to be a wonderful Christmas," she whispered.

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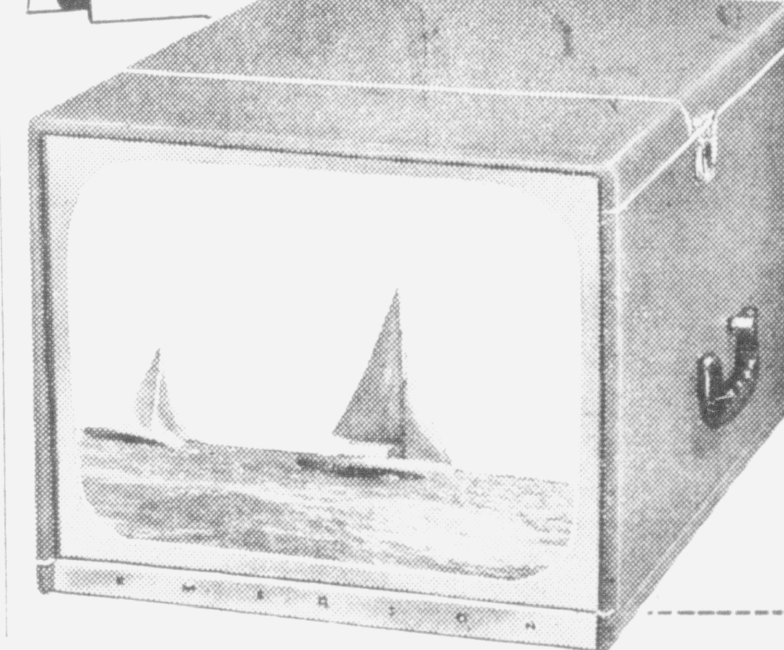
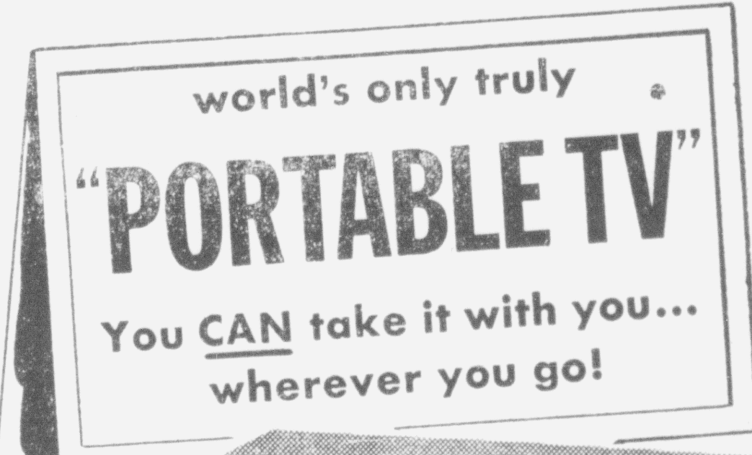
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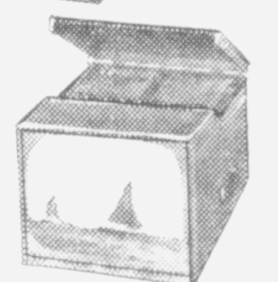
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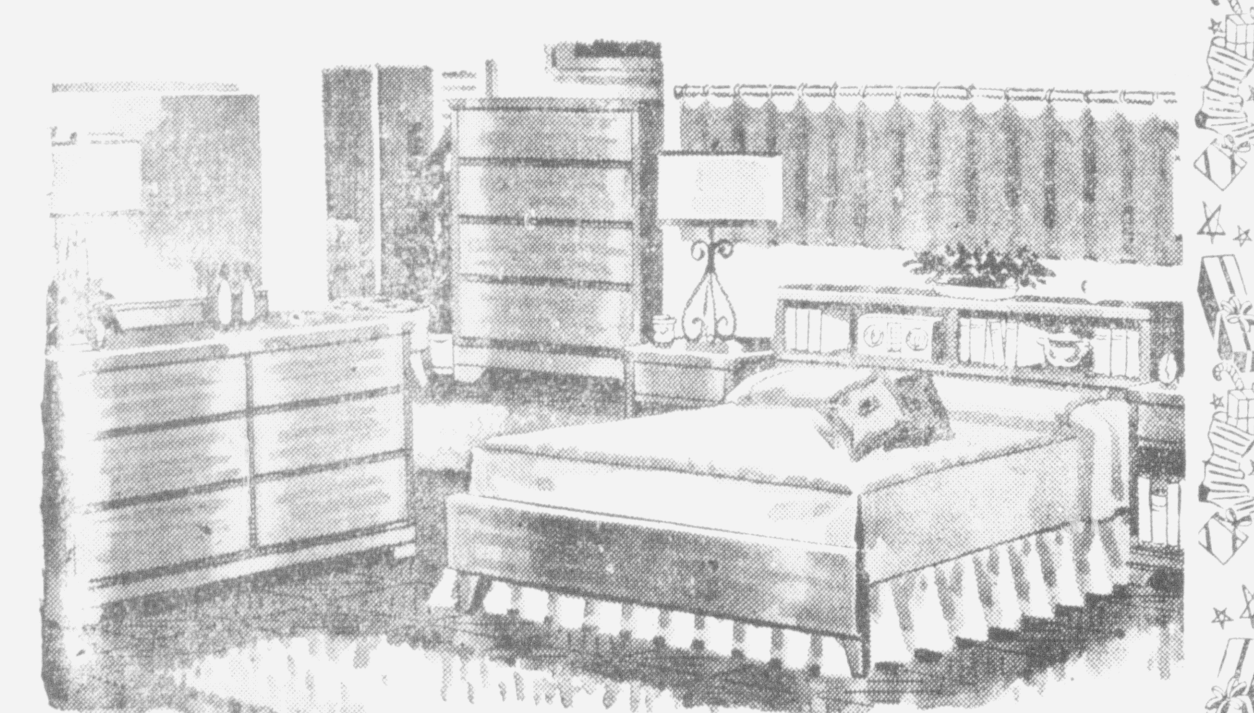
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the rights broadly proclaimed in the Declaration of Human Rights. But, meanwhile, earlier this year (1954), two United Nations Conventions based on the principles of the Human Rights Declaration have come into force. One is the Convention on the Political Rights of Women which repudiates discrimination because of sex in the field of political rights. The other, relating to the Status of Refugees, establishes international standards for refugees many of whom, like the young boy in the photo insert, have escaped from persecution or discrimination and have found new homes in other countries.

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Mrs. Charlie Rann discussed "Arrangements of Dried Materials" and "Dry and Dormant Material" from the club study book, "The Complete Flower Arrangement" By Rockwell and Grayson.

Mrs. R. E. Blankenship, the president of the club, brought several beautiful original arrangements that she had designed and made with her own hands. Mrs. Blankenship is an artist in her own right, and is a very efficient club president.

Special arrangements were also brought to the club by Mrs. McCaleb, Range, Bulgarel and Fortenberry.

Delicious refreshments were served from a table beautifully decorated for the Thanksgiving dinner by the hostesses, Mrs. Glen Cocanougher, Geo. Elder, and Joe Culpepper.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lowe from Hillsboro attended Open House at the Tom Rush home Sunday and visited friends 'round town.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF WEDDING JAN. 9 IN DENTON TOLD

Mrs. Homer C. Smith 1611 N. Elm., Denton, announces the engagement of her daughter, Dorthey Mae to Dan B. McEntire, son of Mr. and Mrs. E.W. McEntire of Alvord.

The wedding will take place the afternoon of Jan. 9, 1955, at the First Baptist Church. The Rev. L. B. Reavis, pastor, will perform the double ring ceremony. Mrs. R. C. Key, organist, and Miss Rose Mary Mizell, vocalist will provide traditional nuptial music. A reception will be held immediately following the ceremony.

Miss Smith has chosen Mrs. O. C. Smith of Denton to be matron of honor, and Ewing Cooley of Denton will serve as best man. Candelighters will be Miss Julia Sams of Argyle and Miss Judy Taylor of Denton. Homer Nabors and Preston Haynes, both of Denton, will be ushers.

The bride-elect was graduated from Denton High School and attended Decatur Baptist College and TSCW. Mr. McEntire, who graduated from Alvord schools and served two years in the U. S. Army, is now employed and attended school in Decatur.

Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa:

I want a pair of guns and I want two trucks and I want a pair of spy glasses and I want a road building set for Christmas. Thanks you.

—Ronny Rhea Pierce.

Dear Santa:

I have been a good girl. Would you please bring me something, but don't forget the little boys and girls who are sick and don't have much money.

I have two brothers who have been good. They want Santa to be good to them too.

—Love

Billie Grundy.

Dear Santa:

I have tried to be a good boy I have a dog. He would like a bone for Christmas. I would like a trumpet that will really play and a army fort and an army canteen. I love my baby brother and my mother and my father and I hope they get what they want to.

—Love

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Dear Santa:

I am a little boy 9 years old. I have been good. Please bring me a horn, Shu-Shine bank, typewriter, electric football game, talking wall telephone, Frontier cap rifle, black hat, American plastic bricks, Roy Rogers camera kit, dominoes, Monopoly set, electronic receiving station, walkie-talkie phones, 70 piece Fort Apache set with shell-shooting cannon, football, basketball, new train,

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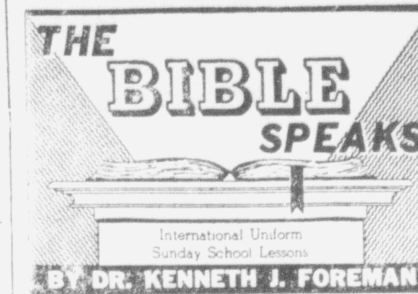
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Scripture: Psalm 148; Matthew 1:18-20; Luke 2:1-20.
Devotional Reading: Luke 2:8-20.

Music of Christmas

Lesson for December 19, 1954

NO OTHER festival of the year is so full of music and of song as the festival of Christmas. Like all good and beautiful things, this too can be made a weariness to heart and mind. When we have to listen to some "popular" Christmas song, hampered out by some songsmith on Broadway who knows more about rhythm than religion, over the radio for six weeks on end; or when a loudspeaker on the courthouse square with its tireless Dr. Foreman electronic throat keeps battering the ears of Christmas shoppers with "Silent Night," we wish the night were silent. We almost wish the angels had not set such an example.

Music of Praise

But it was not this nor any of this that the angels meant when they sang their Gloria. The right music of Christmas is the music of praise, of glory to God. It is not a thing to fill up time on a disc-jockey's program, not something to be produced by a machine. It is music of praise, for the heart, from the heart. On a lonely road in the countryside there is a tiny lighted church. On a noisy boulevard in a distant, grimy city there is a great church, its rose-windows gleaming. In both of these there is singing tonight. To the passerby in mud or on the pavement, it may seem that these people sing alone. The frozen world around the country church makes no sign; there in the jangling city street there is no echo of the Hallelujah chorus in the great sanctuary. Nature and man seem out of tune with the Christmas music. But to the listening ear, the hearing heart, come many other voices.

Music of Creation

The poet-prophet of the 148th Psalm—one might almost think he had written these lines for a Christmas hymn—heard these voices. Like a descant which above the music of a hymn weaves a new beauty, so these other voices, which only a poet's ear can hear, add to the chorus of glory to God. With him we hear all God's angels, we hear the stars of light. This tiny planet carries many voices, but God's creation is vast. In realms of bliss pure spirits unsullied by sin sing their "Glory to God"; and throughout our universe, where some can perceive only the frightening spaces between the stars, where others can see only sightless flames endlessly whirling, the poet hears the morning stars singing together, praising God by being what they are, witnessing to the majesty of his creation. And on this little planet too are songs unheard by man: "fruitful trees and all cedars; beasts and all cattle." Where Christ has come, truly come, and men have not cast him out, all living things have reason to praise God.

Music for All Men

The music of Christmas is for all. It is for "kings of the earth"—the men of power and place. Wherever there is a land that can be called Christian, it is known that there is one King of kings, one Lord of lords. When Queen Elizabeth was crowned, it was by the Church of Christ and in the name of Christ. When President Eisenhower was inaugurated, his first public act was a personal prayer. There are no human beings too highly placed to need God; none so busy and important they have no time to praise him. "Old men and children" too are summoned to join the chorus. Old men, sitting by the fire or in the sun, old men done with life; children playing in the sun or by the fire, children who do not yet know what life means; old men and children, who have to be careful, who make no decisions for other people—the small and the insignificant, all those on the outer fringes of life, let these too join in praise. For God came down that first Christmas night not in silence but to the music of a green singing. And when God broke the news for which man long had waited, the news men are still slow to hear, slow to believe, the news of Immanuel, the news that God is with us—this did not come as a whisper in the void. It came on the wings of a mighty song, borne by the voice of stars and angels—made known first not to the kings of the earth but to humble shepherds of whom none but God had ever heard.

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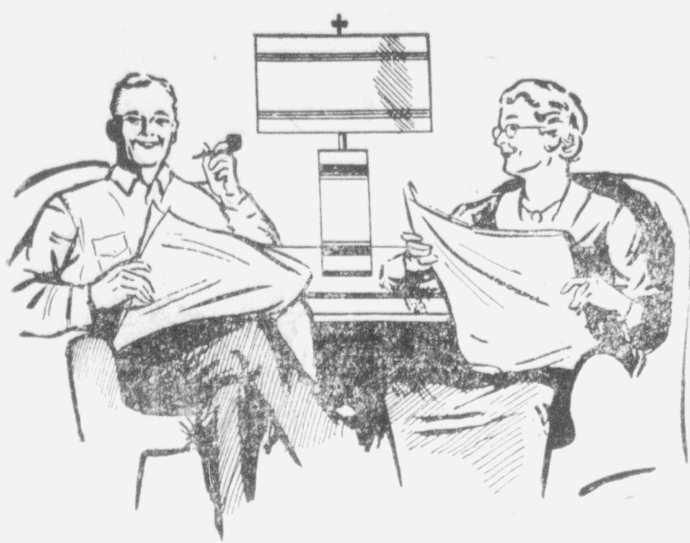
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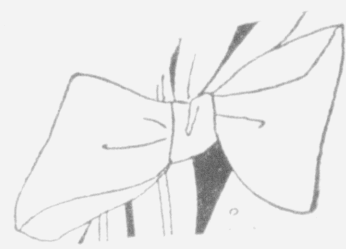
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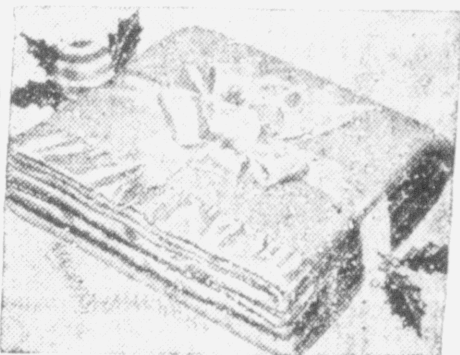


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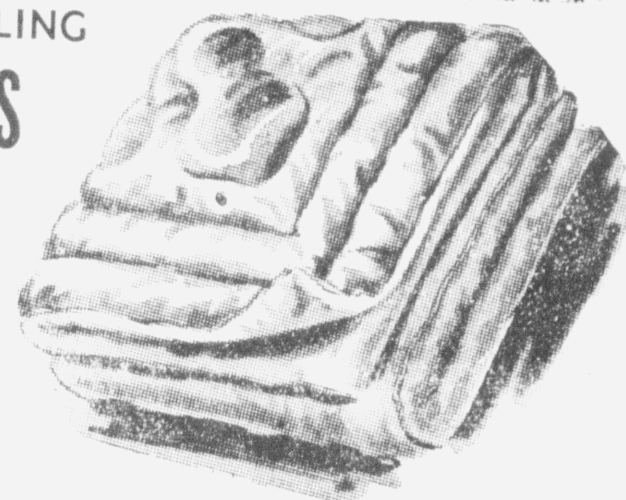
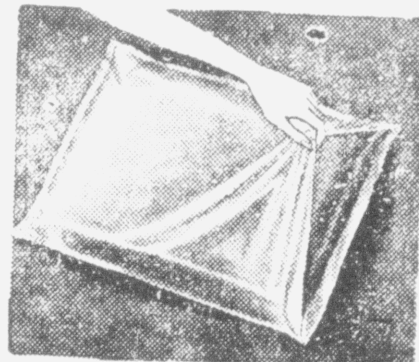


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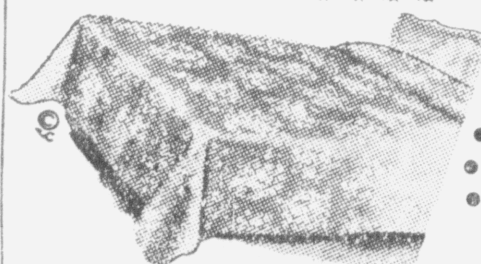


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